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PREFACE.

THE Priest's Book contains those Offices and Benedictions which are within the power of a Priest to perform—the line being strictly drawn between Parochial and Pontifical offices, a distinction plainly set forth in ancient Liturgies. The prayers in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed are drawn and compiled from the Clementine Liturgy, the Liturgy of S. James (Greek and Syriac), Liturgy of the Armenian Church, Liturgy of S. Mark, and Coptic Liturgy. The Editor is indebted to innumerable authors, known and anonymous, for the compiled offices, and desires to express his grateful acknowledgments especially to the Bishop of Albany, to the Rev. Dr. Dean, Chancellor, and to the Rev. Dr. Hills, of Burlington, for both material and helpful encouragement.

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THE MINISTRATION OF

PUBLIC BAPTISM OF INFANTS,

TO BE USED IN THE CHURCH.

¶ The People are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays and other Holy Days, or Prayer Days. Nevertheless (if necessity so require) Baptism may be administered upon any other day.

¶ There shall be for every Male-child to be baptized, when they can be had, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers: and Parents shall be admitted as Sponsors, if it be desired.

¶ When there are children to be baptized, the Parents or Sponsors shall give knowledge thereof, before the beginning of Morning Prayer, to the Minister. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the People with the Children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the last Lesson at Morning Prayer, or else immediately after the last Lesson at Evening Prayer, as the Minister by his discretion shall appoint. And the Minister coming to the Font, (which is then to be filled with pure Water,) and standing there, shall say,

Hath this Child been already baptized, or no?

¶ If they answer, No: Then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and our Saviour

Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy, he will grant to *this Child* that which by nature *he* cannot have; that *he* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church and be made *a living member* of the same.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, didst sanctify Water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *this Child;* wash *him* and sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost; that *he*, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and

being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Or this.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Infant*, that *he*, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Infant* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say as follows; or else shall pass on to the questions addressed to the Sponsors; and from

thence to the Prayer immediately before the [illegible] the pouring of water on the infant. But [illegible] every church the intermediate parts of the Service shall be [illegible] once at least in every month, on the [illegible] Baptism, for the better instructing of the People in the Grounds of Infant Baptism.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. *Mark*, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

After the Gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Gospel.

Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed

those who would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, by his outward gesture and deed, he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will likewise favourably receive *this* present *Infant;* that he will embrace *him* with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him partaker* of his everlasting kingdom.

Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards *this Infant*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; and nothing doubting but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours in bringing *this Infant* to his holy Baptism; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say, *All glory*

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore.

Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Infant*, that *he* may be born again, and be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on this wise.

Dearly beloved, ye have brought *this Child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from sin, and to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life. Ye have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his Gospel to grant all these things that ye have prayed for: which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, *this Infant* must also faithfully, for *his* part, promise by you that are *his* sureties (until *he* come of age to take it upon *himself*) that *he* will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his commandments.

¶ The Minister shall then demand of the Sponsors as follows: the questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the answers to be made accordingly.

I demand therefore,

Dost thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou will not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Will thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in

this Child may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty, everlasting God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *this Child*,

now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall take the Child into his hands, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

¶ And then, naming it after them, he shall dip it in the Water discreetly, or shall pour Water upon it, saying,

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

We receive this Child into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do *sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter, *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

* Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Child's forehead.

¶ If those who present the Infant shall desire the sign of the Cross to be omitted, although the Church knows no worthy cause of scruple concerning the same, yet, in that case, the

Minister may omit that part of the above which follows the Immersion, or the pouring of water on the head.

Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child is* regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *this Child* may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

Then shall be said, all kneeling,

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say,

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we

beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as *he is* made *partaker* of the death of thy Son, *he* may also be *partaker* of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following,

Forasmuch as *this Child hath* promised by you *his* sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that *this Infant* be taught, so soon as *he* shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* may know these things the better, ye shall call upon *him* to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye shall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health;

and that *this Child* may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ Then shall he add, and say,

We are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and *is* sufficiently instructed in the other parts of the Church-Catechism set forth for that purpose.

THE MINISTRATION OF

PRIVATE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

IN HOUSES.

¶ The Minister of every Parish shall often admonish the People, that they defer not the Baptism of their Children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their birth, or other Holy Day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause.

¶ And also they shall warn them, that without like great cause and necessity, they procure not their Children to be baptized at home in their houses. But when need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered as followeth.

¶ First, let the Minister of the Parish (or, in his absence, any other lawful Minister that can be procured) with those who are present, call upon God, and say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Public Baptism, as the time and present exigence will suffer. And then, the Child being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall pour water upon it, saying these words:

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall give thanks unto God, and say,

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate

this Infant with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as *he is* made *partaker* of the death of thy Son, *he* may also be *partaker* of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* And let them not doubt, but that the Child so baptized is lawfully and sufficiently baptized, and ought not to be baptized again. Yet nevertheless, if the Child, which is after this sort baptized, do afterwards live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church, to the intent that if the Minister of the same Parish did himself baptize that Child, the Congregation may be certified of the true Form of Baptism, by him privately before used: In which case he shall say thus;

I certify you, that according to the due and prescribed Order of the Church, *at such a time* and *at such a place*, before divers witnesses, I baptized *this Child.*

‘ But if the Child were baptized by any other lawful Minister, then the Minister of the Parish where the child was born or christened, shall examine whether the same hath been lawfully done. And if the Minister shall find, by the answers of such as bring the Child, that all things were done as they ought to be: then shall he not christen the Child again, but shall receive him as one of the flock of true Christian People, saying thus:

I certify you that in this case all is well done, and according unto due order, concerning the baptizing of *this Child;* who *is* now by Baptism incorporated into the Christian Church: for our Lord Jesus Christ doth not deny his grace and mercy unto such Infants, but most lovingly doth call them unto him, as the holy Gospel doth witness to our comfort on this wise.

‘ Then the Minister shall say as follows; or else shall pass on to the questions addressed to the Sponsors.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. *Mark*, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

They brought young children to Christ that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them,

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

After the Gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Gospel.

Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, by his outward gesture and deed, he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he hath likewise favorably received *this* present *Infant;* that he hath embraced *him* with the arms of his mercy; and, as he hath promised in his holy Word, will give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him partaker* of his everlasting kingdom.

Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father, declared by his son Jesus Christ, towards *this Infant*, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say the Prayer which the Lord himself taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister demand the name of the Child; which being by the Godfathers and Godmothers pronounced, the Minister shall say as follows.

Dost thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian faith, as contained in the Apostles' creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

We receive this Child into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do *sign *him* with the sign of the Cross in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

* Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Child's forehead.

¶ The same Rule is to be observed here, as to the Omission of the sign of the Cross, as in the Public Baptism of Infants.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child is* regenerate and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one ac-

cord make our prayers unto him, that *this Child* may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said, all kneeling,

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he* being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as *he is* made *partaker* of the death of thy Son, *he* may also be *partaker* of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers, this Exhortation following:

Forasmuch as *this Child hath* promised by you *his* sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties

to see that *this Infant* be taught, so soon as *he* shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* may know these things the better, ye shall call upon *him* to hear Sermons: and chiefly ye shall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that *this Child* may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ Then shall he add, and say,

Ye are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and *is* sufficiently instructed

in the other parts of the Church-Catechism set forth for that purpose.

But if they who bring the Infant to the Church do make such uncertain Answers to the Minister's Questions as that it cannot appear that the Child was baptized with *Water In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*, (which are essential parts of Baptism,) then let the Minister baptize it in the Form before appointed for Public Baptism of Infants: saying that at the dipping of the Child in the Font, he shall use this Form of Words:

If thou art not already baptized, *N.* I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

If Infant Baptism, and the receiving of Infants baptized in private, are to be at the same time, the Minister may make the Questions to the Sponsors, and the succeeding Prayers, serve for both. And again, after the Immersion, or the pouring of Water, and the receiving into the Church, the Minister may use the remainder of the Service for both.

THE MINISTRATION OF

BAPTISM TO SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS,

AND ABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES.

When any such Persons as are of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with Prayers and Fasting, for the receiving of this holy Sacrament.

And if they shall be found fit, then the Godfathers and Godmothers (the People being assembled upon the Sunday, Holy Day, or Prayer Day appointed) shall be ready to present them at the Font, immediately after the second Lesson, either at Morning or Evening Prayer, as the Minister, in his discretion, shall think fit.

And standing there, the Minister shall ask, whether any of the Persons here presented be baptized, or no: If they shall answer, *No*: then shall the Minister say thus:

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh,) and they who are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions; and our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and

born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant to *these Persons* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made lively *members* of the same.

Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, didst sanctify the element of Water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *these* thy *Servants;* wash *them* and sanctify *them* with the Holy Ghost; that *they*, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast

in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Or this.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *these Persons*, that *they* coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of *their* sins by spiritual regeneration. Receive *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *these Persons* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St.

John, in the third Chapter, beginning at the first verse.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

* After which he shall say this Exhortation following.

Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the express words of our Saviour Christ, that except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Whereby ye may perceive the great necessity of this Sacrament, where it may be had. Likewise, immediately before his ascension into heaven, (as we read in the last Chapter of St. Mark's Gospel,) he gave command to his disciples, saying, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Which also showeth unto us the great benefit we reap thereby. For which cause St. Peter the Apostle, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? replied and said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall

call. And with many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. For (as the same Apostle testifieth in another place) even Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will favorably receive *these* present *Persons*, truly repenting, and coming unto him by faith; that he will grant *them* remission of *their* sins, and bestow upon *them* the Holy Ghost; that he will give *them* the blessing of eternal life, and make *them partakers* of his everlasting kingdom.

Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *these Persons*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him and say,

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these Persons*, that

they may be born again, and be made *heirs* of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

* Then the Minister shall speak to the *Persons* to be baptized on this wise:

Well-beloved, who are come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism, *ye* have heard how the congregation hath prayed, that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, to release you of your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. Ye have heard also, that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his holy Word to grant all those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, *ye* must also faithfully, for your part, in the presence of these your Witnesses, and this whole congregation, promise and answer to the following questions.

* The Minister shall then demand of the *Persons* to be baptized as follows: the Questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the answers to be made accordingly.

Question.

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all, and, by God's help will endeavor not to follow nor be led by them.

Question. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Question. Wilt thou be baptized in this faith.

Answer. That is my desire.

Question. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in *these Persons* may be so buried that the new man may be raised up in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that *they* being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that the *Persons* now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* Then shall the Minister take each Person to be baptized by the right hand; and placing *him* conveniently by the Font, according to his discretion, shall ask the Godfathers

and Godmothers the Name, and then shall dip *him* in the water, or pour water upon *him* saying,

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

We receive this Person into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do *sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

* Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Person's forehead.

¶ The same Rule, as to the Omission of the sign of the Cross, is to be observed here as in the Baptism of Infants.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these Persons are* regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *they* may lead the rest of *their* life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

We yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these Persons;* that, being now born again, and made *heirs* of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, *they* may continue thy *Servants*, and attain thy promises; through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit everlastingly. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister shall use this Exhortation following; speaking to the Godfathers and Godmothers first.

Forasmuch as *these Persons have* promised,

in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God and to serve him; you must remember that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, *they have* now made before this congregation, and especially before you *their* chosen witnesses. And ye are also to call upon *them* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy word; that so *they* may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly, in this present world.

* And then speaking to the baptized Persons, he shall proceed and say,

And as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the *children* of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin and rise again unto righteousness;

continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ It is expedient that every Person thus baptized should be confirmed by the Bishop, so soon after his Baptism as conveniently may be; that so he may be admitted to the Holy Communion.

¶ Whereas necessity may require the baptizing of Adults in private houses, in consideration of extreme weakness; the same is hereby allowed in that case. And a convenient number of persons shall be assembled in the house where the Sacrament is to be performed. And in the exhortation, *Well-beloved*, &c., instead of these words, *and in the mean season*, shall be inserted this word, *desirous*.

¶ If there be occasion for the Office of Infant Baptism and that of Adults at the same time, the Minister shall use the exhortation and one of the prayers next following in the Office for Adults; only in the exhortation and prayer, after the words, *these Persons*, and *these Persons*, adding, *and these Infants*. Then the Minister shall proceed to the questions to be demanded in the cases respectively. After the immersion or the pouring of water, the prayer shall be as in this service; only, after the words, *these Persons*, shall be added *and these Infants*. After which the remaining part of each service shall be used; first that for Adults, and lastly that for Infants.

¶ If any persons, not baptized in their infancy, shall be brought to be baptized before they come to years of discretion to answer for themselves, it may suffice to use the Office for Public Baptism of Infants; or, in case of extreme danger, the Office for Private Baptism; only changing the word *Infant*, for *Child*, or *Person*, as occasion requireth.

COMBINED SERVICE

FOR

INFANT AND ADULT BAPTISM.

[RUBRIC AFTER SERVICE FOR ADULT BAPTISM.]

"If there be occasion for the Office of Infant Baptism and that of Adults at the same time, the Minister shall use the exhortation and one of the prayers next following in the Office for Adults; only, in the exhortation and prayer, after the words, *these Persons*, and *these thy Servants*, adding, *and these Infants*. Then the Minister shall proceed to the questions to be demanded in the cases respectively. After the Immersion, or the pouring of Water, the prayer shall be as in this service; only after the words, *these Persons*, shall be added, *and these Infants*. After which the remaining part of each service shall be used; first that for Adults, and lastly that for Infants.

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh), and they who are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions; and our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness, he

will grant to *these Persons and these Infants* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made *lively members* of the same.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the Ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel, thy people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, didst sanctify the element of Water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *these* thy *Servants and these Infants;* wash *them* and sanctify *them* with the Holy Ghost; that *they*, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may come to the

land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* The Minister shall then demand of the Persons to be baptized as follows. The Questions hereafter stated are addressed to them severally, and the answers to be made accordingly.

Question.

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Ans. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Quest. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles Creed?

Ans. I do.

Quest. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Ans. That is my desire.

Quest. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will, by God's help.

* The Minister shall then demand of the Sponsors as follows: the questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the answers to be made accordingly.

I demand therefore,

Dost thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Ans. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minis. Dost thou believe all the articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Ans. I do.

Minis. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Ans. That is my desire.

Minis. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam

in *these Persons and these Infants* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that *they*, being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the suplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing

away of sin; and grant that the *Persons and these Infants* now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister take each Person [illegible] by the right hand; and placing [illegible] according to his discretion, shall ask the Godfathers and Godmothers the Name; and then shall dip him in the water or pour water upon *him*, saying,

N. I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

We receive this Person into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do *sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

* Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the person's forehead.

¶ Then the Minister shall take the Child into his hands, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

¶ And then naming the child, he shall dip it in the water discreetly, or shall pour water upon it, saying,

N. I baptize thee in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do *sign *him* with the sign of the Cross in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

¶ If those who present the Infant desire the sign of the Cross to be omitted, although the Church knows no worthy cause of scruple concerning the same, yet in that case, the Minister may omit that part of the service which follows the Immersion or the pouring of Water on the Infant.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these Persons and these Infants are* regenerate, and

grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *they* may lead the rest of *their* life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

We yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these Persons and these Infants;* that, being now born again, and made *heirs* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, *they* may continue thy *Servants*, and attain thy promises; through

the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister shall use this Exhortation following; speaking to the Godfathers and Godmothers first.

Forasmuch as *these Persons have* promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *they have* now made before this congregation, and especially before you *their* chosen witnesses. And ye are also to call upon *them* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word, that so *they* may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and live godly, righteously, and soberly, in this present world.

¶ And then, speaking to the baptized Persons, he shall proceed and say,

And as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the *children* of God and of the light, by

faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us, so should we who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Then the Minister shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following.

Forasmuch as *this Child hath* promised by you, *his* sureties, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that *this Infant* be taught, so soon as *he* shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* may know these things the better, ye shall call upon *him* to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye shall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian

ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that *this Child* may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession: which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ Then shall he add, and say,

We are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and *is* sufficiently instructed in the other parts of the Church-Catechism set forth for that purpose.

THE ORDER OF

CONFIRMATION,

OR LAYING ON OF HANDS UPON THOSE WHO ARE BAPTIZED, AND COME TO YEARS OF DISCRETION.

"Upon the day appointed, all that are to be then confirmed, being placed and standing in order before the Bishop; he, or some other Minister appointed by him, shall read this Preface following.

To the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such as shall receive it, the Church hath thought good to order, That none shall be confirmed, but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and can also answer to such other Questions, as in the short Catechism are contained: which order is very convenient to be observed; to the end, that children, being now come to the years of discretion, and having learned what their Godfathers and Godmothers promised for them in Baptism, may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same; and also promise, that, by the grace of God, they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe such

things, as they, by their own confession, have assented unto.

¶ Then shall the Bishop say,

Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that ye made, or that was made in your name, at your Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same; and acknowledging yourselves bound to believe and to do all those things which ye then undertook, or your Sponsors then undertook for you?

¶ And every one shall audibly answer,

I do.

Bishop.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Ans. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Bishop. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
Ans. Henceforth, world without end.
Bishop. Lord, hear our prayer.
Ans. And let our cry come unto thee.
Bishop. Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by

Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ Then all of them [illegible] shall lay his hands upon the head of every one severally, saying,

Defend, O Lord, this thy Child [or, *this thy Servant*] with thy heavenly grace; that *he* may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Bishop say,

The Lord be with you.
Ans. And with thy spirit.

¶ And all kneeling down, the Bishop shall add,

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be

thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

¶ And these Collects.

Almighty and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants, upon whom, after the example of thy holy Apostles, we have now laid our hands, to certify them, by this sign, of thy favour and gracious goodness towards them. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O almighty Lord, and everlasting God,

vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Bishop shall bless them, saying thus.

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

* And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion until such time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed.

THE FORM OF

SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

The Laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publishing the Bans in churches, or by License, being different in the several States, every Minister is left to the direction of those laws, in every thing that regards the civil contract between the parties.

And when the Bans are published, it shall be in the following form: *I publish the Bans of Marriage between* M. *of* —, *and* N. *of* ——. *If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first* [second *or* third] *time of asking.*

At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy

estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

¶ The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification: but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the Man,

M. Wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sick-

ness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ The Man shall answer,

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

N. Wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ The Woman shall answer,

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ Then shall they give their Troth to each other in this manner. The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth.

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded wife, to have

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and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands: and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands: and the Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring. And the Minister taking the Ring, shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,

With this Ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

* Then the Man, leaving the Ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

¶ Then shall the Minister speak unto the company:

Forasmuch as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ And the Minister shall add this Blessing:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish; who, coming into the sick person's house, shall say,

Peace be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ When he cometh into the sick man's presence, he shall say, kneeling down,

Remember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Answer. Spare us, good Lord.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be

thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, save thy servant;

Answer. Who putteth *his* trust in thee.

Minister. Send *him* help from thy holy place;

Answer. And evermore mightily defend him.

Minister. Let the enemy have no advantage of *him;*

Answer. Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*

Minister. Be unto *him,* O Lord, a strong tower,

Answer. From the face of *his* enemy.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him;* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: That, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory; or else, give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister exhort the sick Person after this form, or other like.

Dearly beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining; as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness be, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness be sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found, in the day of

the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honorable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

¶ If the Person visited be very sick, then the Minister may end his Exhortation in this place, or else proceed.

Take therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord: For (as St. Paul saith in the twelfth Chapter to the Hebrews) whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much

rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. These words, good *brother*, are written in holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever, by any manner of adversity, it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sickness. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life. Now therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you, in the Name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism. And forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged,

without respect of persons, I require you to examine yourself and your estate, both toward God and man; so that, accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Therefore I shall rehearse to you the Articles of our Faith; that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian man should or no.

¶ Here the Minister shall rehearse the Articles of the Faith, saying thus.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the

holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Remission of sins; the Resurrection of the flesh; and everlasting Life after death?

The sick person shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

Then shall the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive, from the bottom of his heart, all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power. And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his Debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him, for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health.

The Exhortation before rehearsed, may be said before the Minister begin his Prayer, as he shall see cause.

The Minister shall not omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

And then the Minister shall say the Collect following.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou remem-

berest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and, when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour; through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say this Psalm.

Psalm cxxx. *De profundis.*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss; O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord, before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

¶ Adding this,

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower, to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, Be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

* Here the Minister may use any part of the service of this book, which, in his discretion, he shall think convenient to the occasion; and after that shall say,

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

* Prayers which may be said with the foregoing service, or any part thereof, at the discretion of the Minister.

A Prayer for a sick Child.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those

heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the name of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a sick Person, when there appeareth but small hope of recovery.

O Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance

amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A commendatory Prayer for a sick Person at the point of departure.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee.

And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting: through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Persons troubled in mind or in conscience.

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the bruised reed,

nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer which may be said by the Minister in behalf of all present at the visitation.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.

O most gracious Father, we fly unto thee for mercy in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of thine hand. If it be thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance; but if thou hast otherwise appointed, let thy mercy supply to him the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: That among the praises which thy saints and holy angels shall sing to the honour of thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to thy unspeakable glory, that thou hast redeemed the soul of this thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a recovery.

Great and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; We bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by

restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy Name that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for his cure: That being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy Name for all thy goodness towards *him;* through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE

COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

Forasmuch as all mortal men are subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life: therefore, to the intent they may be always in readiness to die, whensoever it shall please Almighty God to call them, the Ministers shall diligently from time to time (but especially in the time of pestilence, or other infectious sickness) exhort their parishioners to the often receiving of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publicly administered in the Church; that so doing, they may, in case of sudden visitation, have the less cause to be disquieted for lack of the same. But if the sick person be not able to come to the Church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house; then he must give timely notice to the Minister, signifying also how many there are to communicate with him (which shall be two at the least): and all things necessary being prepared, the Minister shall there celebrate the Holy Communion, beginning with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, here following:

The Collect.

Almighty, everliving God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; We beseech thee to have mercy upon this

thy servant visited with thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and that whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. xii. 5.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth; and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

The Gospel. St. John, v. 24.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

¶ After which the Minister shall proceed according to the form before prescribed for the Holy Communion, beginning at these words, Ye who do truly, etc.

* At the time of the distribution of the holy Sacrament, the Minister shall first receive the Communion himself, and after minister unto those who are appointed to communicate with the sick, and last of all to the sick person.

* But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, or for lack

of company to receive with him, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his Soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.

¶ When the sick person is visited and receiveth the Holy Communion all at one time, then the Minister, for more expedition, shall cut off the form of the Visitation at the Psalm, and go straight to the Communion.

¶ In the times of contagious sickness or disease, when none of the Parish or neighbours can be gotten to communicate with the sick in their houses, for fear of the infection, upon special request of the diseased, the Minister alone may communicate with him.

¶ Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almightly God, devoutly kneeling.

¶ Then shall this general Confession be made by the Priest and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant, that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life. To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest stand up, and say,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins

to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John*, iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. 1 *St. John*, ii. 1, 2.

¶ After which the Priest shall proceed, saying.

Lift up your hearts.
Ans. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Ans. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, [**Holy Father*,] Almighty Everlasting God.

¶ Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall be said or sung by the Priest and People.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. *Amen.*

* These words [Holy Father] must be omitted on Trinity Sunday.

PROPER PREFACES.

Upon Christmas day, and seven days after.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

Upon Easter day, and seven days after.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

Upon Ascension day, and seven days after.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his

Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us: that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

Upon Whit-Sunday, and six days after.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error, into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

Upon the Feast of Trinity only, may be said.

Who art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy

Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

‘ Or else this may be said, the words [*Holy Father*] being retained in the introductory Address,

For the precious death and merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; who are one with thee in thy Eternal Godhead. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

‘ Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord’s Table, say, in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth:

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again: for in the night in which he was betrayed, (*a*) he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, (*b*) he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, (*c*) this is my Body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, (*d*) he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave

(*a*) Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands.

(*b*) And here to break the bread.

(*c*) And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.

(*d*) Here he is to take the Cup into his hand.

it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for (*e*) this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

(*e*) And here he is to lay his hand upon every vessel in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.

The Oblation. **Wherefore,** O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Sa-

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viour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them, and they in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory

be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Here shall be sung a Hymn, or part of a Hymn, from the Selection for the Feasts and Fasts, &c.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶ And the Minister who delivereth the Cup, shall say,

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life; Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

* When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

* Then shall the Minister say the Lord's Prayer, the People repeating after him every Petition.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ After shall be said as followeth:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical

body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be said or sung, all standing, *Gloria in excelsis*, or some proper Hymn from the Selection.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our

prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

¶ Then the Priest shall say this Blessing,

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

PRAYERS WITH THE SICK.

FIRST VISIT.

SCRIPTURAL READING.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

My God, my soul is vexed within me: therefore, will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.

One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes; all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time: and in the night-season did I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me: why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword:

while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

Namely, while they say daily unto me: Where is now thy God?

And then the Priest shall say the Collect following.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by his authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and

continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a sick child.

O almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*,

O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou remember-est them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage

his pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take him unto thy favor; through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for persons troubled in mind or in conscience.

O blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the

bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.

O most gracious Father, we fly unto thee for mercy in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of thine hand. If it be thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance; but if thou hast otherwise appointed, let thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: That among the praises which thy saints and holy angels shall sing to the honour of thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to thy unspeakable glory, that thou hast redeemed the soul of this thy ser-

vant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Commendatory Prayer for a sick Person at the point of departure.

O almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and

heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting: through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty, everliving God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; We beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and that whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT EVENTIDE.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night for the love of thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, as before.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be

thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

A Prayer which may be said by the Minister in behalf of all present at the visitation.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ And after that the Priest, standing up, shall say:

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

SECOND VISIT.

(THE SEVERAL VISITS MAY BE COMBINED OR ABBREVIATED.)

SCRIPTURAL READINGS.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Let us humbly confess our sins.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may

pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord, thou knowest all the necessities and infirmities of this thy afflicted servant; strengthen *his* soul with spiritual joy, and perfect resignation: take from *him* all inordinate affections to this world, and enlarge *his* heart with desires of being with thee, free from sin, and in thy presence for ever. *Amen.*

Lord, let no pains or passion discompose *his* thoughts, and disturb *him* in *his* duty; and lay no more upon thy afflicted servant than *he* is able to bear; and with the temptation provide for *him*

a way to escape, either by the mercy of a longer and more holy life, or by a happy death, as is pleasing to thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, Be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Christ Jesu, my Refuge, my Lord, I believe and hope in thee, and with my whole heart I love thee. Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is nothing on earth that I desire in comparison of thee. What shall I desire? What shall I fear? I know not my going out, or my coming in; Thou knowest: do with me what pleaseth thee. My times are in thy hand. In death, or in life, I will lift up mine eyes unto thee. To whom shall I look but

unto thee? I will wait in silence for thy salvation; and I beg this of thee, that I may love thee more and more, O blessed Jesu, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art one God, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

Remember, O most Pitying Father, what this frail and feeble work of thine hands can bear without fainting; nothing, indeed, of itself, but all things in thee, if strengthened by thy grace. Wherefore grant me strength, that I may suffer and endure; patience alone I ask. Lord give me this, and behold my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready to receive whatsoever shall be laid upon me; may it even be a consolation to me, that afflicting me with pain, thou sparest not here, that thou mayest spare hereafter. Grant, O Lord, that in my patience I may possess my soul; to that end may I often look upon the Face of Christ thy Son, that as he hath suffered such terrible things in the flesh, I may endeavour to be armed with the same mind. Wherefore I commit my strength unto thee, O Lord; for thou art my Strength and

my Refuge; thou dost uphold my life. Behold, O Lord, now am I in the midst of the fire, and how long I shall be there, thou knowest. Keep me, thou who didst preserve unhurt the three children in the furnace at Babylon, and bring me forth safely out of this trial when it shall please thee, as thou didst deliver them, that I also may bless thee with all thy creatures for ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER IN SUFFERING.

O Lord Jesus Christ, accept my sufferings which I desire to unite with thine. Sanctify this affliction, so that every pang I feel may purify my soul, and bring it nearer to thee; to be made more one with thee; grant that I may welcome the sufferings which will make me more like to thee.

O my Lord, stand thou by me, with thy supporting grace; sanctify each pang, sustain my weakness. And then order for me what thou pleasest. Come now to my help, O Lord, and so purify my soul, that I may be spared the last, the eternal suffering; let me fly to the embrace of thy love for ever.

Lord Jesus, hast thou not invited all that labour and are heavy laden, to come to thee for refreshment? Behold now thy servant, afflicted and oppressed, comes to thee for help; relieve me, I beseech thee, thou who art infinite in mercy.

O thou who hast comforted the Martyrs in their torments, and refreshed them with heavenly sweetness on the rack and in the fire, renew thy mercies to me thy unworthy servant; defend me against all temptation, suffer not the enemy to take advantage of me, but grant me thy heavenly strength, the fulness of thy grace and peace. *Amen.*

Ejaculation.

O Lord, by thy Cross and Passion strengthen me; Lord, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will but thine be done.

Lo, I cast all my sins, Blessed Jesus, into thy deep and sorrowful wounds. What is wanting in me of contrition and penitence, do thou vouchsafe mercifully to supply out of the riches of thy satisfaction and thy merits, thy griefs,

and pains, and toils, which thou didst willingly take upon thee, and didst sustain for us even to the most bitter death.

Empty my heart, O Lord, of all vain, idle, worldly thoughts and desires. Take from me this heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a soft and melting heart, to fear thee, love thee, honour thee, delight in thee, and so to follow thee that I may be for ever happy in thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THIRD VISIT.

WITH A LITANY AND EJACULATIONS FOR THE DYING.

SCRIPTURAL READING.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his Word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood, hast redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

I submit myself to pain and death; thy will be done. *Amen.*

I believe all the articles of the Creed, and put my whole trust in God's mercy in Christ. *Amen.*

O Jesu, I am that lost sheep, and thou art the Good Shepherd. Save me from the lion, and lead me through the valley of the shadow of death. *Amen.*

O Jesu, I am that poor traveller, wounded and naked, thou art the good Samaritan. By thy blood and by thy Spirit, save me. *Amen.*

O Jesu, I see thee with thine arms stretched out upon the Cross for all penitent sinners. Receive me into thine arms. *Amen.*

Into thy hands I commend my spirit. Thou didst make, thou didst redeem. Receive my soul, O my Saviour, my Saviour, Christ my Saviour, O my Saviour. *Amen.*

Litany.

O God the Father, &c., have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O God the Son, &c.

O God the Holy Ghost, &c.

O Holy Trinity, one God, &c.

By thine agony, &c., good Lord deliver him.

I humbly acknowledge all my great and grievous sins, and pray God pardon for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

I humbly desire all whom I have offended to forgive me, and freely forgive all who have offended me, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Give me grace
To put aside every weight,
And the sin which doth so easily beset us,
Lust of the flesh, of the eyes,
Pride of life,
Every motion of flesh and spirit
Contrary to thy will.

O Christ hear us and deliver the soul of this servant from every bond, and free it from every curse. Command, therefore, O Lord, that the soul of thy servant be released in peace, and go to rest in thy eternal tabernacles, with all thy Saints, through thine only-begotten Son, with whom and with thy holy and life-giving Spirit, thou art blessed now and ever unto ages of ages.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast been pleased to breathe into man a soul according to thy likeness, do thou, while at thy bidding dust returns to dust, command thine image to be united with thy Saints and Angels in an everlasting home; and gently and tenderly receive it as it returns from the land of Egypt unto thee, and send thy Holy Angels to meet it, and show it the way of righteousness and open the gates of thy glory, through, &c.

Impute not, gracious Lord, to this thy servant the follies of his youth or the errors of his life, but strengthen him in his agony; let not his faith waver, nor his hope fail, nor his charity be disturbed. Let him die in peace, and rest in hope, and rise in glory, through, &c.

Let his portion be with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with Job and David, all the prophets and apostles, with martyrs and all thy Saints, in the arms of Christ, in the bosom of felicity, in the kingdom of God to eternal ages.

Him that cometh unto me, I will in nowise cast out.

If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

We have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

To be with Christ is far better.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of my hand.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Surely I come quickly. *Amen.*

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Wash my soul clean in the blood of the Lamb.

I walk in the Valley of the Shadow of Death. But thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me!

Christ, have mercy upon me.

I feel thy presence, blessed Lord.

Take me into thy arms, O merciful Saviour.

Shield me from the Enemy, O my God.

Hide me under thy wings, O Christ.
Be thou my strong tower and defence, O God.

Grant me, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while I am placed among things which are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God the Father, who hath created me; God the Son, who hath redeemed me; God the Holy Ghost, who hath infused his grace into me, assist me in all my trial, and lead me the way to everlasting peace.

Answer. *Amen.*

God grant my place may be Abraham's bosom. *Amen.*

God grant I may behold my Blessed Saviour in the state of glory. *Amen.*

God grant my death may be precious in his sight, in whom I am to rest for ever. *Amen.*

* Then the Priest shall say the Commendatory Prayer (see First Visit) and this Benediction.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we

commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING.

THE THANKSGIVING OF WOMEN AFTER CHILD-BIRTH.

¶ To be said when any Woman, being present in the Church, shall have desired to give Thanks to Almighty God for her safe deliverance.

O almighty God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of childbirth, *this woman*, thy *servant*, who *desireth* now to offer *her* praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that *she*, through thy help, may both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also may be *partaker* of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

[illegible] who have laid violent hands upon themselves.

[illegible] towards the Grave, shall say, or sing,

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

St. John, xi. 25, 26.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job*, xix. 25, 26, 27.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord

gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord. 1 *Tim.* vi. 7. *Job*, i. 21.

* After they are come into the Church, shall be said or sung the following Anthem, taken from the 39th and 90th Psalms.

Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences; and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears;

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

* Then shall follow the Lesson, taken out of the fifteenth Chapter of the first Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all

authority, and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead? and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which

thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they

also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

* When they come to the grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, [illegible].

Man, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

* Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Minister shall say,

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this

world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

¶ Then shall be said, or sung.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. *Rev.* xiv. 13.

¶ Then the Minister shall say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

[a] Then the Minister shall say one or both of the [illegible] Prayers, at his discretion.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also

hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

CREED AND COLLECTS FOR FUNERALS IN CHURCH.

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister.

Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister, and the People with him, say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this

day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

Answer. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and

our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Minister. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

Answer. As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully

to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy: sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him;* endue *his* soul with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus

Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O almighty God, Who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical Body of thy Son, Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to

give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OFFICE OF DEVOTION AT THE HOUSE BEFORE THE BURIAL.

I. ADULTS.

SCRIPTURE READING.

The Priest, when he cometh into the presence of the persons visited, shall say,

Peace be unto you.

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away: Blessed be the Name of the Lord. *Amen.*

Then he shall say one or more of the following sentences, as shall seem to him most suitable to the case.

Dearly beloved, hear the words of Holy Scripture to those who mourn for the dead.

Sorrow not for them which are asleep, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1 *Thess.* iv. 13, 14.

It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good. 1 *Sam.* iii. 18.

The righteous is taken away from the evil to come. *Isa.* lvii. 1.

Hear also what the wise king saith.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men: yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried

them, and received them as a burnt-offering. *Wisdom*, iii. 1–6.

Honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the grey hair unto men: and an unspotted life is old age.

[He pleased God, and was beloved of him: so that living among sinners, he was translated. Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul.] *Wisdom*, iv. 8–11.

The righteous live for evermore, their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them. *Wisdom*, v. 15, 16.

Hear also what holy David saith.

Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. *Ps.* cxvi. 13.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours. *Rev.* xiv. 13.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Let us pray.

O almighty God, who knowest the weakness and frailty of our nature: We beseech thee to give unto us, thy servants, whom thou hast stricken with this sorrow, such measures of thy grace as shall enable us to bear it with humility, resignation, and submission to thy Divine Will. Grant that no impatient murmuring or repining thoughts may find a place in our hearts; that we may not sorrow as those who have no hope. Let not our grief exceed the bounds of reason and religion; but so temper it, we beseech thee, with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit, that whatever we may want in outward consolation, we may find in the inward rest of perfect submission to thy holy will, O God, and unshaken trust in

thy loving mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and most Merciful Father, who lovest those whom thou chastenest, and turnest away thine anger from us, look down in pity upon our distress and sorrow, and grant that the affliction which it has pleased thee to bring on us may be a means of drawing us nearer to thee. Strengthen us, O Lord, that we may not languish in fruitless and unavailing sorrow, but by the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, may truly repent, meekly submit, and effectually be comforted, that we may obtain that peace which the world cannot give, and pass the residue of our life in humble resignation, and cheerful obedience: teach us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth; on those joys which never fade, the pleasures that are at thy right hand. for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our tres-

passes, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O Lord God, who chastenest those whom thou dost love, teach thy servants in this sore trial, this dark day of very heavy chastisement, to know thy love. Lord, we believe that thou lovest us; help thou our unbelief. Teach us to see thy love, though thou seemest to turn thy face from us. Increase thy love towards us, O God, now that thou hast smitten us, lest we be consumed; be very pitiful, speak comfortably to our souls. Give us of thy comfort, for what can we do, whither can we turn, O Lord? Thou only, who hast afflicted, can comfort us; we have none beside thee. We come to thee in our loneliness, our desolation of heart, our anguish. Hold thou us up; give us of thy love; we kneel at thy feet, we cast ourselves down before thee; even weeping do we beseech thee to receive our prayer for Jesu's sake. *Amen.*

O most mighty, most merciful Father, have mercy on us; have mercy on us, good Lord.

O do thou bear us up, succour us, strengthen us in our hour of tribulation. Thou hast smitten us to the dust. Thou hast afflicted us very sore; our heart fainteth within us, we are brought very low. We know not, O Lord, how to bear such sorrow; we are overwhelmed with sorrow. We fly to thee for help, for thou only canst give us help. Help us, O Father, help us, and that right soon; help us for thy mercies' sake. Make haste to help us for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To be used for a Husband losing his Wife.

Look with pity, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, upon the sorrows of thy servant for whom our prayers are especially offered. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon him and give him peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To be used for a Wife losing her Husband.

Regard, O Lord, with an eye of compassion, this thy servant, bereaved of her earthly partner and friend. Mercifully grant that, in the depth of her sorrows, the light of thy countenance may be her comfort, the gifts of thy grace and the promises of thy blessed word her refuge and strength. So sanctify to her this thy fatherly chastisement, that her present loss may conduce to her eternal gain; and that meekly submitting to the wisdom of thy dispensation, she may realize the fulness of thy promise to be the widow's God, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To be used for Children deprived of one or both parents.

Defend, O Lord, we beseech thee, these bereaved children with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more until they come to thine everlasting kingdom. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in

the end they may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful God, and heavenly Father, who has taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him;* endue *his* soul with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance

upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for the Faithful Departed, from the Clementine Liturgy, the Liturgy of S. James (Greek and Syriac), Liturgy of the Armenian Church, Liturgy of S. Mark, and Coptic Liturgy.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace.
R. *Amen.*

We commemorate all the faithful departed who have died in the true faith . . . who falling asleep in the true faith have found rest, and have come through to thee, the Lord God of Spirits and of all flesh. We beseech, we implore, we entreat Christ our God, who has received

their souls and spirits to himself, that by his many compassions, he may make them worthy of the pardon of their faults and the remission of their sins, and make them and us to come to his kingdom in heaven. . . . Oh Lord God of Spirits and of all flesh, remember all whom we remember, who have passed out of this life, in the orthodox faith; grant rest to their souls, bodies, and spirits, delivering them from the endless damnation to come, and making them worthy of the joy which is in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, our fathers; whence pain, sorrow, and groaning are exiled, where the light of thy countenance looks down and ever shines. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, because no man living shall be justified in thy sight, nor is any free from the fault of sin, nor pure from the stain of sin, who are on earth, save only our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Only Begotten Son, by whom we hope to obtain pity and the pardon of sins, which is through him, for us and for them. *Amen.*

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all, receive the souls of thy children, at their parting from the flesh, into the land of the living in thy kingdom; let thy holy angels meet them and bring them on their way into the city of the Heavenly Jerusalem; make them sharers in the delights of Paradise, at thy feast in the bosom of Abra-

ham, Isaac, and Jacob, the holy fathers and patriarchs; with Prophets, and Apostles, and all Saints. Thou art holy, O Lord, and findest rest in thy saints, and givest them their completeness and perfection. Graciously impart to them the good things of thy promises, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, but which thou, O God, hast prepared for them that love thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful Lord, give rest and peace, we implore thee, to the souls of all those thy servants, who have passed from the toils of mortality, in the tabernacles of thy saints, in thy kingdom. Lead them in the green meadows, by the waters of refreshment, into the Paradise of pleasure, the place whence have fled, in the Light of thy Holy Face, all sorrow of heart, sadness, and sighing for evermore. Remember them and have mercy upon them; be thou their everlasting Light; number them with thy saints and make them worthy of thy mercy, and reward them all with the good things that shall not pass away. Let thy Cross be a bridge for them, and thy Baptism a covering. Let thy Holy Body and Blood be the way to lead to thy Kingdom. In thy creating power shall all men by thee be renewed at the Resurrection, on the last day of this exist-

ence, but the first of Heavenly life. Direct the ends of our lives towards the saints in Christ that we like them may be well pleasing to thee, without sin through thy peace and the grace of him our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Litany.

O God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, deliver the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the elect, accomplish the bliss of the faithful departed.

That the blessed view of Jesus may comfort them, and his unfading glory shine upon them, we beseech thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, in whose book of life the names of thine elect are inscribed, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless ~~thee~~, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto ~~thee~~. The Lord lift up his countenance upon ~~thee~~, and give ~~thee~~ peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

TO BE USED AT A FUNERAL.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: We beseech thee for that person here present who must first follow our departed brother (or sister) into eternity; and we pray thee to grant that we who are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, by continual mortifying our corrupt affections may be buried with him: and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFICE OF DEVOTION AT THE HOUSE BEFORE THE BURIAL.

II. CHILDREN.

SCRIPTURE READING.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? and they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came to the house of the Lord and worshipped: then he came to his own house: and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst

fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

The Lord is good. Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths;

Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For comfort under affliction.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst restore the widow's son to his weeping mother, and the daughter of the ruler of the Synagogue to her lamenting parents; We beseech thee to have compassion on the [*father* and *mother*] of this little child, whom thou hast now called to *his* Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Make *them* know and feel, O Lord God, that *he* is committed to thy merciful arms, and ever beholdeth thy blissful presence. Let this assurance assuage *their* tears and mitigate *their* present sorrow. And grant, O Lord, that as *they* have experienced the blessing thou gavest *them* in this child, and now feel the affliction thou hast laid upon *them*, in taking *him* from *them;* so *they* may know assuredly that thou wilt comfort *them* by restoring *him* to *them* in thine everlasting kingdom; to which vouchsafe to conduct *them* by thy merits, O Saviour, who

with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God world without end. *Amen.*

Most Merciful Father, who hast hastened to take unto thyself the soul of this dear child; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed children in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O almighty God, who art found of those who seek thee in loneliness, and whose portion is sufficient for the sorrowful soul; Upon *these* thy *servants*, bereaved and afflicted, pour out, we pray thee, thy blessing. Thou only canst keep *their* feet from falling, and *their* eyes from tears. Let not thy grace of patience fail *them*, nor thy love forsake *them;* but do thou so encourage and sustain *their* hearts, that in the country of Peace and Rest *they* may, when the end cometh, find an everlasting home. We ask it for his sake who hath gone thither to prepare a place for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who by thy Death didst

take away the sting of death; Grant unto us thy Servants, so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awaking up after thy likeness be satisfied with it, through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, to whom is never any prayer made without hope of mercy, and who layest on us no greater burden than thou canst enable us to bear; graciously uphold *these* thy *servants* in *their* day of sorrow. Give *them* the holy calmness which comes of owning thy hand in whatever befalls, and patience in the faith that thou doest all things well. From unwillingness to listen to thy Fatherly voice; from hardness of heart under thy chastening; from useless wandering after helpers that cannot save; and from the sorrow which is without hope, deliver and save *them*, O Lord our God. We ask it in the Name of him who loved us, and gave himself for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A FORM OF PRAYER FOR

THE VISITATION OF PRISONERS.

When Morning or Evening Prayer shall be read in any Prison, instead of the Psalm, *O come, let us sing*, &c., shall be read the 130th Psalm: and the Minister shall insert, after the Collect for the day, the Collect in the following Service, *O God, who sparest*, &c., and at such times as the Litany is not read, he shall add the prayer, *O God, merciful Father, who despisest not*, &c.

And when notice is given to the Minister, that a Prisoner is confined for some great or capital crime, he shall visit him; and when he cometh into the place where the Prisoner is, he shall say, kneeling down,

Remember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever.

Answer. Spare us, good Lord.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, *&c.*

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. Turn thy face from our sins;

Answer. And blot out all our iniquities.

Minister. Send us help from thy holy place;

Answer. For thine indignation lieth hard upon us.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer;

Answer. And let the sighing of the prisoners come before thee.

THE COLLECT.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; We humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness to comfort and succour all those who are under reproach and misery in the house of bondage; cor-

rect them not in thine anger, neither chasten them in thy sore displeasure. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of thy threats and promises; that they may neither cast away their confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty: and forasmuch as thou alone bringest light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the pains and punishments which these thy servants endure, through their bodily confinement, may tend to setting free their souls from the chains of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Here the Minister, as he shall see convenient, may read the Prayer for *All Conditions of Men*, the Collect for *Ash Wednesday*, and the Collect beginning *Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom*, &c., or any other Prayer of the Liturgy, which he shall judge proper.

¶ Then shall the Minister exhort the prisoner or prisoners after this form, or other like.

Dearly beloved, know this, that Almighty God, whose never-failing providence governeth all things both in heaven and earth, hath so wisely and mercifully ordered the course of this world, that his judgments are often sent as fatherly corrections to us; and if with due submission

and resignation to his holy will we receive the same, they will work together for our good.

It is your part and duty, therefore, to humble *yourself* under the mighty hand of God, to acknowledge the righteousness of his judgments, and to endeavour that, by his grace, this present visitation may lead you to a sincere and hearty repentance.

The way and means thereto is, to examine your life and conversation by the rule of God's commandments; and whereinsoever you shall perceive *yourself* to have offended either by will, word, or deed, there to bewail your own sinfulness, and to confess *yourself* to Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life. And if you shall perceive your offences to be such as are not only against God, but also against your neighbours; then to reconcile *yourself* to them, being ready to make restitution and satisfaction, according to the uttermost of your power, for all injuries and wrongs done by you to any other: and being likewise ready to forgive others who have offended you, as you would have forgiveness of your offences at God's hand. And to this true repentance and change of mind you must add a lively and steadfast faith, and dependence

upon the merits of the death of Christ, with an entire resignation of *yourself* to the will of God. Except you repent, and believe, we can give you no hope of salvation. But if you do sincerely repent and believe, God hath declared, though your sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; though your wickednesses have gone over your head, yet shall they not be your destruction.

We exhort you therefore in the Name of God, and of his dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, and as you tender your own salvation, to take good heed of these things in time, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when no man can work. While you have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light, that you be not cast into outer darkness; that you may not knock, when the door shall be shut; and cry for mercy, when it is the time of justice. Now, you are the object of God's mercy, if by repentance and true faith you turn unto him; but if you neglect these things, you will be the object of his justice and vengeance. Now, you may claim the merits of Christ; but if you die in your sins, his sufferings will tend to your greater condemnation. O beloved, consider in

this your day, how fearful a thing it will be to fall into the hands of the living God, when you can neither fly to his mercy to protect you, nor to the merits of Christ to cover you in that terrible day.

¶ Here the Minister shall examine him concerning his faith, and rehearse the Articles of the Creed, *Dost thou believe in God, &c.* And the prisoner shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

¶ Then shall the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world, and further admonish him particularly concerning the crimes wherewith he is charged: and exhort him, if he have any scruples, that he would declare the same, and prepare himself for the Holy Communion, against the time that it may be proper to administer it to him.

¶ Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say as follows, from the 51st Psalm.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this

evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose mercy is everlasting, and power infinite; Look down with pity and compassion upon the sufferings of *this* thy *servant;* and whether thou visitest for trial of *his* patience, or punishment of *his* offences, enable *him* by thy grace cheerfully to submit *himself* to thy holy will and pleasure. Go not far from those, O

Lord, whom thou hast laid in a place of darkness, and in the deep; and forasmuch as thou hast not cut *him* off suddenly, but chastenest *him* as a father, grant that *he*, duly considering thy great mercies, may be unfeignedly thankful, and turn unto thee with true repentance and sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Persons under sentence of death.

* When a Criminal is under sentence of death, the Minister shall proceed, immediately after the Collect, *O God, who savest*, &c., to exhort him after this form, or other like.

Dearly beloved, it hath pleased Almighty God, in his justice, to bring you under the sentence and condemnation of the law. You are shortly to suffer death in such a manner, that others, warned by your example, may be the more afraid to offend; and we pray God, that you may make such use of your punishments in this world, that your soul may be saved in the world to come.

Wherefore we come to you in the bowels of compassion; and, being desirous that you should avoid presumption on the one hand, and despair on the other, shall plainly lay before you the

wretchedness of your condition, and declare how far you ought to depend on the mercies of God, and the merits of our Saviour. Consider then seriously with yourself, in all appearance the time of your dissolution draweth near; your sins have laid fast hold upon you; you are soon to be removed from among men by a violent death; and you shall fade away suddenly like the grass, which in the morning is green and groweth up, but in the evening is cut down, dried up, and withered. After you have thus finished the course of a sinful and miserable life, you shall appear before the Judge of all flesh; who, as he pronounces blessings on the righteous, shall likewise say, with a terrible voice of most just judgment, to the wicked, Go, ye accursed, into the fire everlasting, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Your sins have brought you too near this dreadful sentence: it is therefore your part and duty, my brother, humbly to confess and bewail your great and manifold offences, and to repent you truly of your sins, as you tender the eternal salvation of your soul.

Be not deceived with a vain and presumptuous expectation of God's favour, nor say within your-

self, Peace, peace, where there is no peace; for there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. God is not mocked; he is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; and without holiness no man shall see the Lord. On the other hand, despair not of God's mercy, though trouble is on every side; for God shutteth not up his mercies for ever in displeasure: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Do not either way abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of his endless pity promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and a true heart we return unto him.

Since therefore you are soon to pass into an endless and unchangeable state, and your future happiness or misery depends upon the few moments which are left you, I require you strictly to examine yourself, and your estate both towards God and towards man; and let no worldly consideration hinder you from making a true and full confession of your sins, and giving all the satisfaction which is in your power to every one whom you have wronged or injured; that you may find mercy at your heavenly Father's hand,

for Christ's sake, and not be condemned in the dreadful day of judgment.

Lastly, beloved, submit yourself with Christian resignation to the just judgment of God, which your own crimes have brought upon you, and be in charity with all men; being ready sincerely to forgive all such as have offended you, not excepting those who have prosecuted you even unto death: and, though this may seem a hard saying, yet know assuredly, that without it your charity is not yet perfect. And fail not earnestly to endeavour and pray for this blessed temper and composure of mind. So may you cast yourself with an entire dependence upon the mercies of God, through the merits of our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

* Here the Minister shall examine him concerning his faith, and rehearse the Articles of the Creed, *Dost thou believe in God*, &c. And the Criminal shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

* Then shall the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, exhorting him to a particular confession of the sin for which he is condemned; and upon confession, he shall instruct him what satisfaction ought to be made to those whom he has offended thereby; and if he knoweth

any combinations in wickedness, or any evil practices designed against others, let him be admonished to the utmost of his power to discover and prevent them.

After his confession, the Priest shall declare to him the pardoning mercy of God, in the form which is used in the Communion Service.

After which shall be said the Collect following.

O holy Jesu, who, of thine infinite goodness, didst accept the conversion of a sinner on the cross; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who desireth pardon and forgiveness, though in *his* latest hour *he* turneth unto thee. Renew in *him* whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness. Consider *his* contrition; accept *his* repentance; and forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen him with thy blessed Spirit: and when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour. This we beg through thy merits, O Lord, our Saviour and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O Father of mercies, and God of all com-

fort; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, who is now under the sentence of condemnation. The day of *his* calamity is at hand, and *he* is accounted as one of those who go down into the pit. Blessed Lord, remember thy mercies; look upon *his* infirmities; hear the voice of *his* complaint; give *him*, we beseech thee, patience in this *his* time of adversity, and support under the terrors which encompass *him;* set before *his* eyes the things *he hath* done in the body, which have justly provoked thee to anger; and forasmuch as *his* continuance appeareth to be short amongst us, quicken *him* so much the more by thy grace and Holy Spirit; that *he*, being converted and reconciled unto thee, before thy judgments have cut *him* off from the earth, may at the hour of *his* death depart in peace, and be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Adding this,

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

¶ Then the Minister, standing, shall say,

IN the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

THE Almighty God, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, Be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ And after that shall say,

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ At the time of Execution, besides all, or such parts of the foregoing Office as the Minister shall judge proper, shall be said the *Commendatory Prayer for a person at the point of departure*, as it is in the Visitation of the Sick.

The Collect for the Communion Service.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; We beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant, who for *his* transgressions is appointed to die. Grant that *he* may take thy judgments patiently, and repent *him* truly of *his* sins; that *he* recovering thy favour, the fearful reward of *his* actions may end with this life; and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body it may be without spot presented unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. xii. 11.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness, unto them which are exercised thereby.

The Gospel. St. John, v. 24.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

A Prayer for imprisoned Debtors.

Most gracious God, look down in pity and compassion upon these thine afflicted servants, who are fallen under the misery of a close restraint. Give them always a deep sense of their sins, and of thy fatherly love and correction; and the more their confinement presseth hard upon them, the more let the comforts of thy grace and mercy abound towards them. Give to their creditors tenderness and compassion, and to them a meek and forgiving spirit towards all those who

have confined them, and a full purpose to repair all the injuries and losses which others have sustained by them. Raise them up friends to pity and relieve them; give them the continued comfort of thy countenance here; and so sanctify their afflictions, that they may work for them an eternal weight of glory; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Amen.

A FORM

FOR THE

ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS.

AUTHORIZED BY THE BISHOP OF NEW JERSEY.

When the hour appointed by the Rector of the Parish is come, such as are to be admitted Choristers being duly vested, and standing at the head of the Nave, or in the Sacristy, the Rector shall say,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, have appointed singers before the Lord who should praise the beauty of holiness; let us not doubt but that he will favorably look upon our godly purpose of admitting these persons here present to the like office; and let us humbly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.

¶ Then, all kneeling down, the Rector shall say,

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

¶ Then, all standing, the Rector shall say,

Hear what is written in the Second Book of

Chronicles, in the twentieth Chapter, beginning with the twentieth Verse.

Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

Hear, also, what is written, concerning the worship of Heaven, in the seventh Chapter of the Revelation, beginning at the ninth Verse.

I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth

upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple.

¶ Then shall be sung as followeth:

PSALM xcii.—*Bonum est confiteri.*

It is a good thing to give *thanks* un- | to · the | Lord: and to sing praises unto thy *Name*, | O · = | Most · = | Highest.

To tell of thy loving-kindness *early* | in · the |

morning: and of thy *truth* | in · the | night · = | season.

Upon an instrument of ten *strings*, and up- | on · the | lute: upon a loud instru*ment*, | and · up- | on · the | harp.

For thou Lord hast made me *glad* | through · thy | works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the opera*tions* | of · = | thy · = | hands.

Glory be to the Fa*ther*, | and · to the | Son: *and* | to · the | Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is *now*, and | ev-er | shall be: *world* | with-out | end. · *A-* | *men*

¶ Here may follow an Address, or Charge, on the Duty and Office of Choristers.

¶ The Rector shall then demand of them, standing in order before him, as follows: the Questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the answers to be made accordingly.

Dost thou desire to enter into this Choir, to draw nearer unto the Lord, and to lead his praises in the great congregation?

Answer. I do.

Dost thou promise to be reverent in coming

and going, and in all thy stay in this holy place?

Answer. I do.

Wilt thou obey such rules and officers as may be lawfully made, subject always to the Rector of the Parish?

Answer. I will.

* Then, every one of them kneeling before him, the Rector shall say,

By virtue of the power vested in me as Priest and Rector of this Parish, I admit thee to the office of a Chorister in this Church; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

* Then shall the Rector deliver to them the Psalter, saying,

Receive this Book; and see that what thou singest with thy mouth, thou believe in thy heart, and show forth in thy life.

* Then shall be sung Lætatus sum, with this Antiphon,

Ant. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary.

PSALM cxxii.—*Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they *said* | un-to | me: We will *go* in- | to · the | house · of the | Lord.

Our feet shall *stand* | in · thy | gates: *O* | = · Je- | ru-sa- | lem.

Jerusalem is *built* | as · a | city: that *is* at | uni-ty | in · it- | self.

For thither the tribes go up, even the *tribes* | of · the | Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give *thanks* un- | to · the | Name · of the | Lord.

For *there* is the | seat of judgment: even the *seat* | of · the | house · of | David.

O pray for the *peace* of Je- | ru-sa- | lem; *they* shall | pros-per that | love · = | thee.

Peace *be* with- | in · thy | walls: and plenteous*ness* with- | in · thy | pa-la- | ces.

For my brethren *and* com- | pan-ions' | sakes: I will *wish* | thee · pros- | per-i- | ty.

Yea, because of the *house* of the | Lord · our | God: *I* will seek · to | do · thee | good.

Glory be to the Fa*ther*, | and · to the | Son: *and* | to · the | Ho-ly | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is *now*, and | ev-er | shall be: *world* | with-out | end. *A-men.*

Ant. Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

¶ During the singing of the Psalm the Rector shall go to the Altar, and the Choristers shall enter the Choir. The Psalm ended, shall be said as follows:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy Spirit.
V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ Then shall follow this Collect.

O Lord God Almighty, before whom the choirs of Heaven rest not day and night, graciously behold and accept the services of these thy servants, upon whom, in thy Name, we have placed the garments of praise; that they may sing with the spirit and with the understanding also, and at last be admitted to the ranks of those who have washed their robes and made them

white in the blood of the Lamb, whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Rector add this blessing,

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS TO BE USED IN STATE LEGISLATURES.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

FOR THE GOVERNOR.

Almighty God, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, look with thy favor upon thy servant, the Governor of this Commonwealth. Endue him with thy Holy Spirit; Enrich him with thy Heavenly grace. Dispose and turn his heart as it seemeth best to thy Godly wisdom, that he, knowing whose minister he is, may, above all things, seek thy honor and glory: Prosper him with all happiness, and bring him to thine Everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Almighty God, the Author of all Wisdom and Counsel, we humbly beseech thee as for all the people of this State, so especially for the two houses of the Legislature, now assembled. Preserve them from error, ignorance, and every evil thing. Direct and prosper all their consultations for the enactment of just and equal laws, the preservation of liberty, the punishment of evil-doers, and the praise of them that do well. Inspire them with the true wisdom that cometh from above, and keep them in thy Holy Faith and Fear, that they may approve themselves good servants before thee, and in all things promote thy Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS TO BE USED IN A DAY OR PARISH SCHOOL.

MORNING OFFCIE.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, The third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.
R. As it was in the beginning, &c.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's Name be praised.
V. The Lord open our hearts in his law.
R. And in his precepts give us peace.

¶ Then shall be read a part of the Second Lesson for the day.

Antiphon. Let us serve the Lord.

¶ Then shall be said Benedictus.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people:

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David.

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us:

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would give us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. As it was in the beginning, &c.

Antiphon. Let us serve the Lord in holiness and righteousness before him: and he shall deliver us out of the hand of our enemies.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ Then shall the Reader say:

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

O Almighty Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, through our own fault, our most grievous fault. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences; wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The Reader.

The Almighty and merciful God grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins. *Amen.*

V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

R. That thy people may rejoice in thee.

V. Show us thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Christ, Son of the living God;

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father:

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.

R. And be gracious unto thy servants.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Collect for the day.

O Lord, Heavenly Father, Almighty Everliving God, who hast brought us through the

darkness of night to the light of the morning, and who, by the light of thy Word and Holy Spirit dost illumine the darkness of ignorance and sin: We beseech thee of thy loving kindness to pour thy holy light into our souls, that we may ever be devoted to thee, by whose wisdom we were created; by whose mercy we were redeemed; and by whose providence we are governed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, we pray thee to have mercy upon all men. Bless thy holy Church, and especially that part of it which thou hast planted in this land: bless the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, who minister in it, especially those who minister in this parish; all those in authority over us; our relatives, our friends and benefactors; the poor, the sick, and the distressed: to each, O Lord, grant that which thou knowest to be best for him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory be to thee, O Lord, Glory be to thee.

That this and every day we may pass in the perfecting of holiness, in peace, health, and innocence;

R. Grant us, O Lord.

That the Angel of peace, our faithful guide, the guardian of our souls and bodies, may encamp round about us, and continually suggest what is needful for our salvation:

R. Grant us, O Lord.

The pardon and remission of our sins, and strength to withstand every temptation;

R. Grant us, O Lord.

That we may accomplish the remainder of our life in penitence and godly fear, in favor with thee, and in charity with all the world:

R. Grant us, O Lord.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise that we may think on these things, and do them.

R. Grant us, O Lord.

A Christian end of life, without sin, without shame, and, should it please thee, without pain, and a good answer at the dreadful and fearful judgment seat of Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Grant us, O Lord.

Into the hands of thy infinite mercy, O Lord, we commend our souls and bodies, our senses, our words, our counsels, our thoughts, our works, and all our actions, with all the necessities of body and soul, our going out and our coming in; our life, our death, and resurrection with thy saints and elect. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Bless we the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all. *Amen.*

EVENING OFFICE.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and an end of toils.

I. St. Peter, v. 8. Brethren, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help standeth in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Then shall be said,

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

The Almighty and merciful God grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins.

Amen.

V. Turn thou us, O God our Saviour.
R. And let thine anger cease from us.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Antiphon. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. As it was in the beginning, &c.

Antiphon. Save us, O Lord, watching, guard us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ and rest in peace.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels abide in it to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be ever upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V. Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid:

R. Which is Jesus Christ.

V. Thou shalt call thy walls salvation:

R. And thy gates, praise.

V. Thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

R. And thou shalt hear a voice, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.

V. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord:

R. And great shall be the peace of thy children.

Pour down thy blessing, O Heavenly Father, upon these dear children, whom thou hast committed to our charge; make them dutiful and obedient; wise concerning that which is good, and simple concerning evil: and give us grace to train them in thy faith, fear, and love, that as they grow in years they may grow in grace, and may hereafter be found in the number of thy elect children. Bring to pass by thy right hand, O Lord, that the voice of joy and health shall be in our dwellings, and make us all to dwell in unity, and so to dwell in thee. Send thy blessing upon thy servant, our Bishop, and other clergy; and upon all who serve thee in the care of thy children gathered here and in all other places; upon our Trustees and benefactors; the Diocese and thy whole Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Bless we the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us now and for evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR COLLEGE COMMENCEMENTS.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Almighty and merciful God, graciously bow down thine ear to the petitions of thy humble servants; hallow with the might of thy blessing this Institution erected for the instruction of thy sons, and vouchsafe the gift of thy grace to all who come to learn within it that they may grow up in thy Faith and Fear, and obtain remission of all their sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Especially, O Lord, do we commend to thy Fatherly goodness the President and Faculty of this College. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit. Enrich them with thy Heavenly Grace. Dispose and turn their hearts as it seemeth best to thy

godly wisdom. Give them that knowledge which cometh from above, and teach them what things they ought to do, and give them strength and power faithfully to fulfil the same. Grant to the students here assembled that teachableness of disposition which shall dispose their minds towards sound learning and a Christian manhood. Guard them from all things hurtful both to soul and body, and keep them pure, nourish them in all goodness, and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Or this:

Almighty God, the Author of all being, and the fountain of all wisdom and knowledge; who hast formed our bodies and endued us with reasonable souls; Regard with thy favour and visit with thy blessing this institution [*or school*] established for the promotion of sound learning, and Christian education. Secure to it the patronage needful to the carrying of its good designs into effect. Inspire its teacher [*or teachers*] with a due sense of *his* solemn charge, and a suitable degree of wisdom and strength for its fulfilment. Bless the pupils with health, and give them a

proper estimate of the advantages they here enjoy. Grant them docility and diligence in the pursuit of knowledge, submission and tractableness under discipline, and a readiness of mind to follow the counsels of wisdom and experience. Inspire them with due respect for their teachers; and fill their young hearts with an ardent love for thee, their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Guard their inexperience, keep them from self-conceit, and shield their virtue from the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thus preparing them to fulfil their course with honour, fidelity, and success in this life, and to attain the glorious destiny to which thou hast called them in the life to come; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,

who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities: and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF A LAW SCHOOL.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the Fountain of wisdom and justice, whose bosom is the seat of that Law that speaks harmony to the world, make all, we beseech thee, whose business is the study of the Law, to labor that throughout the Commonwealth its voice may be heard so that the very

least may feel its care, and the greatest be not exempted from its power. We implore thy blessing upon all in legislative, judicial, and executive authority, that they may have grace, wisdom, and understanding, so to discharge their duties as most effectually to promote thy glory, the interests of true religion and virtue, and the peace, good order, and welfare of this State and Nation. Have mercy on this dear Land, in which our fathers have lived and died, and unto the keeping of which their bodies have been committed. Vouchsafe to cleanse it more and more from all that is vile or displeasing to thee, and grant that it may never cease to be one of the tranquil abodes of thy Church, and fruitful to thee in devoted Saints. Endue all who shall make or administer its laws with wise hearts and a true regard for it, that so it may be honored among the nations and permitted to do great things for thee, the Sovereign Ruler of all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR COMMENCEMENT OF A MEDICAL COLLEGE.

O Lord God Most High, of whom alone cometh healing, who hast created medicines out of the earth which he that is wise will not abhor, we beseech thee of thine infinite mercy, and in thy perfect wisdom to be with these thy servants, whom thou hast called to be Physicians of the Bodies of men. Of thee only cometh all wisdom, and knowledge of wise inventions, and of thee only the skill, and the patience, and the power to heal. Thou only givest medicine to heal the sickness of men, and thine only is the power to restore health to the sick and to rescue from the grave. Prosper we pray thee the consultations of these thy servants gathered here upon the threshold of their career of mercy, to further thy glory and the comfort and health of men. Grant unto them in all their counsels the wisdom that cometh down from above. Preserve them from all error, passion, and presumption. Ennoble through their service the gracious art that ministers to suffering. And as thou didst give to thine incarnate Son the comfortable name of

"The Healer," and didst reach out through him thy pity and compassion to the crippled, the diseased, and even the dead, restoring them to health and life; so bless the merciful mission of these thy servants as they minister to those committed to their care. Prosper that which they shall give for ease and remedy to prolong life, that in their hands there may be good success. Teach them to look only unto thee, to lean only upon thee, and to refer all their successes to thee alone; that so seeking thy glory and loving their fellow-men, they may attain the reward of thy faithful servants, and be made partakers of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE ABOUT TO BE ORDAINED.

A Prayer for the Increase of the Ministry.

O almighty God, who hast in thy Holy Church committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation, to gather together a great flock in all parts of the world, to the eternal praise of thy holy Name; We humbly beseech thee that thou wilt put it in the hearts of many faithful men to seek this sacred ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind; that so thy Church may rejoice in a due supply of true and faithful pastors, and the bounds of thy blessed kingdom may be enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the blessed apostles, that they should go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature: Give us, we beseech thee, a ready will to obey thy word, and fill us

with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with pity upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the multitudes in our land that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Bless our domestic and foreign missionaries; preserve them from all dangers to which they may be exposed; from perils by land, and perils by water; from the deadly pestilence; from the violence of the persecutor; from doubt and impatience; and from all the devices of the powers of darkness. Be with them in every trial and discouragement; and may thy word, spoken by their mouth, have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Regard with thy favour and blessing every effort to increase the number of those who are ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. O thou Lord of the harvest, hear our prayers and supplications, and send forth labourers into thy harvest. Incline the hearts of the young to remember thee their Creator in the days of their youth, and to give themselves to thy service in the ministry of reconciliation. Raise up, we pray thee, a great company of preachers, and prepare them by thy grace for their high and holy calling; and grant

that those who are in the divers orders of thy Church, by their labour and ministry may gather together a great flock in all parts of the world, and so spread abroad thy Gospel, that thy holy Name may be glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour, and dominion, and power, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons, to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And, to those who shall be ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ Or this.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal.* i. 11.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

* Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

PROPER PSALMS, ii., xlv., xlviii., cxv., cxlv.

LESSON, MATT. XXV: 31.

And after that, shall be sung or said this Psalm, except on the twelfth day of the month.

DEUS MISEREATUR.

PSALM lxvii.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be said the Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The

Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing.

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect for the day, and after that the Collects and Prayers following.

A Prayer for Unity.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that as there is but one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one bap-

tism, one God, and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and one soul, united in the holy bond of truth, of faith, and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the holy Apostles, that they should go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; Grant to us, whom thou hast called into thy Church, a ready will to obey thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not

known thee, and on the multitudes in our own land that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord, who didst come to seek and to save the lost, and to whom all power is given in heaven and in earth, hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy Church for those who, at thy command, go forth to preach the Gospel to every creature. Preserve them from all dangers to which they may be exposed; from perils by land and perils by water; from the deadly pestilence; from the violence of the persecutor; from doubt and impatience; from discouragement and discord; and from all the devices of the powers

of darkness. And while they plant and water, send thou, O Lord, the increase; gather in the multitude of the heathen, convert in Christian lands such as neglect so great salvation; so that thy Name may be glorified and thy Kingdom come, O Gracious Saviour of the world; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O everlasting God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; We beseech thee to look upon thine ancient people Israel, scattered abroad throughout the world, and to visit them with thy salvation. Take away the veil from their hearts, and bring them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, their Messiah, their Prince and their Saviour, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made partakers of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send

thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues, without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

A Prayer for Indian Missions.

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of the friendless and the Helper of the helpless, have pity, we beseech thee, upon the Indian tribes who dwell in this our land. Send to them the light and comfort of thy Holy Gospel. Bless all the means used to bring them to the knowledge of thy dear Son, who died for the salvation of all men. Guide with thy Spirit, guard with thy power, sustain with thy love, all those who minister to them in spiritual things and bear to them the tidings of redemption. Stir up the hearts of all who profess and call themselves Christians, to prayer and deeds of mercy in behalf of this perishing race. Give to our rulers a sense of honour, truth, and justice in all their dealings with them, and fill this whole nation with compassion for this poor and

scattered people; and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd. All of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the missionary council of thy Church, here assembled in thy name and presence. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE DAILY USE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

O Lord without whom our labour is but lost, and with whom thy little ones go forth as the mighty, we humbly beseech thee to prosper all works in thy Church undertaken according to thy Holy will, especially the work of the Woman's Auxiliary; and grant to thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon Earth and the blessedness of serving thee in Heaven; and especially to those who labour in the Word and Doctrine, grant the abundant blessing which shall give the increase to their sowing of the seed, so that in all ways thy Holy Name may be glorified, and thy Blessed Kingdom enlarged. Accept as done unto thy dear Son whatsoever we may do in thy Name for thy ministry or thy poor through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

* Then a hymn may be sung, to be followed by addresses and hymns.

* To be used at the close of a Missionary Meeting.

O almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee. Bless, we beseech thee, our dioceses and congregations, all bishops and other ministers, and prosper all our efforts for the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Bless the services in which we have now been engaged [*accept our alms and oblations*]; and may we at last receive the reward of faithful servants; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR GUILD MEETINGS.

In the Name, &c.

Our Father, &c.

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory, &c.
R. As it was, &c.

Ant. Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord.

PSALM: i., xv., ci., or cxii.

Ant. Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord, he is their Helper and Defender.

THE CHAPTER: Rev. xxii. 12–17 and 20.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ One or more of the following Prayers shall be used, at the discretion of the Priest officiating.

O Lord, defend this Guild from all adver-

sity, and of thy gracious mercy deliver from the snares of the enemy those who seek thee with their whole heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee to bless this Congregation, and to further with thy continual help those who labour in it in thy fear and for thy glory; grant them lowliness of spirit, steadfastness of faith, perseverance in all good works, and bring them at last to thy heavenly kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant her that Peace and Unity which is agreeable to thy will. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to thy servant, N....., whom thou hast set over thy flock in this Diocese, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of wisdom and piety, that through the holy con-

versation of their Bishop the devotion of the faithful may increase, and that the salvation of the flock may be the joy and crown of the shepherd. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord God Almighty, graciously hear our prayers, and hallow the pastors and overseers of thy flock, that our adversary the devil, overcome by their faith and holiness, may not dare to approach or injure the fold of the Lord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who of thy goodness preparest for the poor, mercifully look upon our Church, help it in its need, and so move the hearts of thy faithful people to aid it from their substance, that the destitute may be succoured, the ignorant be taught, and the service of thy House be worthily performed to thy honour and glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who didst send the seventy disciples before thy face into every city and place whither thou thyself wouldst come; mercifully regard our labours in this Church, multiply unto us

fellow-helpers in the same, and so prosper the work upon us, that when thou comest again thou mayest find all things ready for thee. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and merciful God, Builder and Keeper of the heavenly Jerusalem, build up and keep our dwellings and their inhabitants, that the home of peace and quiet may be in them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, all those who are devoted to serve thee in works of charity, as well for the training of the young as for the reclaiming of the fallen (especially.....). Also those who are occupied in visiting the sick, the poor, and the ignorant (especially.....). Accept their labours, and grant that while they sympathize with others in their necessity and sorrow, they may bring them to share the joy of the Divine life wherein they live, and may with them attain to that fulness of spiritual perfection which they desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The following Constitution of the Cathedral Guild of All Saints' Cathedral, Albany, is appended, as a help to those forming a similar one.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CATHEDRAL GUILD.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

This Society shall be known as the "Cathedral Guild," of the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, N. Y. And its object shall be: 1st, the mutual benefit of its members in Christian Faith and Duty; 2d, the promotion of reverence and zeal in worship and the diffusion of the principles of the Catholic Church; 3d, the hearty co-operation of its members in works of mercy.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any member of the Cathedral Congregation

recommended by the Superior or Master at a regular meeting, may become a member of the Guild by signing this Constitution.

Any member of the Cathedral Congregation, man or woman, desiring to do special work in any of the Wards, without becoming a regular member of the Guild, may do so with the consent of the Superior or Master, and will be considered an associate of the Guild without complying with the above regulations: although such members shall not have the right to vote on any question brought before the Guild, or for its Officers.

The Clergy of the Cathedral are ex-officio members of the Guild.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Guild shall be a Superior, a Master, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; the two latter to be elected by ballot annually, at the annual meeting of the Guild. These Officers shall form the Council or Managing Committee of the Guild, and shall make such By-Laws as

may be necessary for its government. No member of the Guild shall be elected to the office of Secretary or Treasurer for more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF THE SUPERIOR.

The Superior (who shall be the Bishop ex-officio) shall preside at all meetings of the Guild at which he may be present, and have a general supervision of all the works undertaken by the Guild; he shall be consulted about all extensions of work or new undertakings; if there be no Master, he shall select members for the Wards; appoint a Warden for each Ward; and fill all vacancies occurring between the times for annual elections.

DUTIES OF THE MASTER.

The Master (who shall be Dean of the Cathedral ex-officio) shall preside at Guild meetings in the absence of the Superior; shall be ex-officio a member of each Ward and preside at their meetings if he be present; shall select members for the Wards; appoint a Warden for each Ward;

fill all vacancies occurring between the times for annual elections, and have the general management of the Guild as far as it does not conflict with the rights of the Superior.

If there be no Dean of the Cathedral, then the Guild, by and with the consent of the Superior, shall name one of the resident Canons to perform such duties of the Master as are not by this Constitution assigned to the Superior.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other records of the Guild, but not of the Wards; issue notices of the meetings, and conduct the correspondence of the Guild; and shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the Superior or Master.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all moneys received and paid by the Guild, and report the same to the monthly meetings; he shall pay out no moneys except on resolution of a Guild Meeting, or on an order from the Council; he shall preside at the meetings in the absence of any superior officer.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in December; and regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month; special meetings may be called at any time by the Superior or Master; or by a majority vote of the Council. Each meeting shall be opened by such devotional exercises as the Council may decide upon.

ARTICLE VI.

FUNDS OF THE GUILD.

The funds of the Guild shall be raised by regular dues, by voluntary subscriptions, an alms box at the door of the Cathedral, and such other means as the Council may at any time direct.

ARTICLE VII.

WARDS.

The Guild shall be divided into as many sections or "Wards" as there are branches of work to be attended to.

The Wards, and the object of each, shall be as follows:

I. *St. Alban's Ward.*—To further the building of the Cathedral and such other buildings as may be undertaken either by the Cathedral Chapter or this Guild.

II. *St. Andrew's Ward.*—To gather attendants at the services of the Church; to provide attendants at the services with seats and books, and in general to extend the courtesies of the Church to strangers when they come, especially the poor.

III. *Keble Ward.*—1st. To sell and otherwise disseminate Church books, pamphlets, leaflets, cards, literature, and other articles for the benefit of the Church. 2d. To collect and have charge of Sunday School and Parish libraries. 3d. To procure Church books from abroad, and take subscriptions for Church papers and periodicals.

IV. *St. Cecilia Ward.*—To assist the Precentor of the Cathedral in the care, oversight, and instruction of the choristers, and in the care of vestments.

V. *All Saints' Ward.*—To prepare Feast Day decorations; and to arrange for Guild Entertainments.

VI. *Holy Innocents' Ward.*—To gather scholars

for the Sunday School, and to care for and instruct them.

VII. *St. Luke's Ward.*—To visit and assist the sick.

VIII. *Dorcas' Ward.*—To visit and assist the poor, providing occupation, clothing, and other necessaries.

WARDENS.

Each Ward shall have its own Head, called a Warden, who shall direct (under the Master) the work of his Ward, and shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting; each Ward shall have its own meetings separate from the Guild Meeting. A Guildsman may be a member of several Wards at the same time, but no Guildsman may be Warden of more than one Ward. The Wardens shall make regular reports to the Guild at the monthly meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, notice of the amendment having been duly given at the previous monthly meeting.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

Order of Business.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading of Minutes.
4. Reports of Officers, Committees, &c.
5. Communications.
6. Membership.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Miscellaneous Business.

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

SECTION II.

It shall be the duty of the Council to examine into all infractions of the Constitution or By-Laws, that may be reported to them, and at their discretion, to reprimand or suspend any member so reported.

SECTION III.

Any member having received funds for the Guild shall report as soon as possible to the Treasurer.

SECTION IV.

At Special Meetings, the special order of business shall be proceeded with immediately after Roll Call, and no other business shall be transacted unless by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

SECTION V.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

SECTION VI.

Alterations of the By-Laws may be made at any time by the Council.

OFFICE FOR LAYING A CORNER STONE.

As they enter upon the ground, the clergy, choir, &c., shall say or sing the

PSALM cxxii. *Lætatus Sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ The Bishop or Minister appointed by him, standing near the Corner Stone, shall say:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Response. Who hath made heaven and earth.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Response. And let our cry come unto thee.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Response. From this time forth for evermore. Alleluia. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be said or sung:

PSALM lxxxiv. *Quam dilecta!*

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

Response. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall the Minister, and the People with him, say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* The Priest, laying his hand upon the Corner Stone, shall say,

Behold, I lay in Zion, a chief Corner-stone, elect, precious;

Response. And he that believeth in him, shall not be confounded.

The stone which the builders refused,

Response. Is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing.

Response. And it is marvellous in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully be pleased to bless this stone which we are about to place for a foundation in the name and strength of him, who is the tried and precious stone, and grant that all they who, to the furtherance of this work, shall have faithfully offered to thee of their substance, may ever be preserved both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

* Here shall be read a list of the several deposits.

The box of deposits and the stone being laid in their place the Priest shall say;

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work. Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but vain that build it.

In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this foundation stone (striking it three times with a hammer) in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost, Amen, of ———— to be dedicated to the worship and service of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; for reading and preaching his holy word, for celebrating his holy Sacraments, for offering to his glorious Majesty the Sacrifice of Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving; for blessing his people in his Name, and for the performance of all other offices of our Holy Religion. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid—which is Jesus Christ, who is God over all—blessed for evermore, in whom we have redemption, through his Blood, even the forgiveness of sins. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be said or sung this Creed:

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate

by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

HYMN 275. L. M.

May Thine eyes be opened toward this house night and day.

This stone to thee in faith we lay;
We built the temple, Lord, to thee;
Thine eye be open night and day
To guard this house and sanctuary.

Here, when thy people seek thy face,
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling-place,
And when thou hearest, O forgive.

Here, when thy messengers proclaim
The blessed Gospel of thy Son,
Still by the power of his great Name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.

Hosanna! to their heavenly King,
When children's voices raise that song,
Hosanna! let their angels sing
And heaven with earth the strain prolong.

But will, indeed, Jehovah deign
Here to abide, no transient guest?
Here will the world's Redeemer reign?
And here the Holy Spirit rest?

That glory never hence depart;
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone:
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
In every bosom fix thy throne. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

HYMN 202.

Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. 7s. 6s. Double.

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppress,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;

Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones, and holy;
Lord give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee. *Amen.*

Then the offerings shall be taken while the following sentences are being said:

OFFERTORY.

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he

said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. *Gen.* xxviii. 16.

And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded.

And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel. II. *Sam.* xxiv. 18.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts*, xx. 35.

¶ Then the offerings being gathered, and laid upon the Stone in a decent vessel, the Priest shall say:

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our

Father, for ever and ever; all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. And what are we, and what are thy people, that we should be able to offer so willingly, after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *Amen.*

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, that thou hast put into the heart of thy servants to build a house unto thee. Accept, we pray thee, this service at our hands, and prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, prosper thou our handi-work. *Amen.*

Blessed be thy Name for the Holy Gospel, for thy Church and Ministry, for the means of Grace, and for the hope of life eternal; Show thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory. *Amen.*

Bless, O Lord, all who help this pious work, by offerings, by prayers, or by their labors and good-will. *Amen.*

Guard and defend the workmen, and keep them from harm and accident. *Amen.*

Keep them also from the evil one, and from all words and doings that may profane this place while they labor upon it. *Amen.*

Make us all here present to be living temples of the Spirit, holy and acceptable unto thee. *Amen.*

May Peace be within the walls of all Christian Churches, and prosper all the assemblies of thy saints upon earth. *Amen.*

Gather in the outcasts, save the lost, convert the nations, and make all thy people to be one in the true fold of thy Church, under Jesus the Great Shepherd of the Sheep. *Amen.*

And finally bring us into thy Presence to glorify thee forever, in the temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens; all which we beg, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour, unto whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory now and forever. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who art the shield and defence of thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech thee, to

protect and succour the builders of this house, that the work which, through thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

* Then the Clergy and others shall walk around the walls of the building, saying or singing

PSALM lxxxvii. *Fundamenta ejus.*

Her foundations are upon the holy hills: the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Very excellent things are spoken of thee, thou city of God.

I will think upon Rahab and Babylon, with them that know me.

Behold ye the Philistines also, and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.

And of Sion it shall be reported that he was

born in her; and the Most High shall stablish her.

The Lord shall rehearse it, when he writeth up the people, that he was born there.

The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse: All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

PSALM xlviii. *Magnus Dominus.*

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things; they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God upholdeth the same forever.

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the Mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her; and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses, that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

HYMN 289. L. M.

O praise ye the Lord, all ye nations.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Jehovah's glorious Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

BENEDICTION.

OFFICE FOR THE BENEDICTION OF A PAROCHIAL CHAPEL OR SCHOOL HOUSE.

SANCTIONED BY THE BISHOP OF ALBANY.

The Clergy shall be met at the door of the building by the Wardens and Vestrymen, and then entering in and passing near the door, the Priest, in the absence of the Bishop, and acting by the Bishop's appointment, shall say,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Peace be within these walls, and blessed be all they who shall enter in here, or go forth hence, from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

Then, passing up the alley to the Chancel, the Priest shall say,

Let us pray.

Cleanse thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be cleansed, and grant that as thy blessed Son was presented in the temple—in the substance of our flesh—so with pure and clean hearts we may ever present ourselves before thee to offer up spiritual sacrifices to the honour of thy great Name, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Holy Jesu, who didst early seek thy heavenly Father's house, and at twelve years old wast found in the courts of the temple; fill, we beseech thee, the hearts of thy children, who shall be gathered here, with a like love for this holy place, and for the precious things of thy Word. Bless the sacred purpose for which (in part) thy servants have builded, and now offer this building unto thee, and grant such grace unto thy children who shall be trained here, that they may daily increase in wisdom and in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto the everlasting kingdom which thou hast purchased, O Blessed Jesus, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be praise and dominion now and forever. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung or said, antiphonally by the Priest and Congregation, the 122d Psalm.

PSALM cxxii. *Lætatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

¶ Then the Priest shall say,

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ who hast promised the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries that the blessing of peace shall rest upon the sons of men; be pleased to sanctify and hallow this house which we now offer unto thee; that as the savor of thy good ointment filled the house of Simon the Leper so thy Holy Name which is as ointment poured forth in the Word and Holy

Sacraments may ever purify and bless this house, to the building up of thy spiritual house, the training and nurture of thy sons and daughters, and the enlargement of thy glorious kingdom. Cleanse it from all pollution and desecration, and purify the hearts and minds of all who shall frequent these courts that they may be living temples of the Holy Ghost, and that thou mayest dwell in them, and walk in them, and be their God, and that they may be thy people, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to appropriate and devote this house to thine honour and service; and grant that all those who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it to the glory of thy blessed Name. *Amen.*

℣ If the Chapel be intended for the celebration of divine service and the administration of the Holy Sacrament, the following shall be used:

That by thy word truly preached and taught,

and meekly believed and obeyed; by thy Holy Sacraments duly administered and devoutly received; by the people's earnest worship and hearty confessions, and by thy gracious gifts of blessing and forgiveness; and by the works of mercy done to thee in the presence of the sick and needy; and by the counsels which shall be taken here for the furtherance of thy work on earth, thy holy Name may be forever glorified, and thy gracious kingdom enlarged, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be sung a Hymn.

¶ Then the Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer with the first two sentences.

¶ The proper Psalms shall be the 84th and the 132d.

1st Lesson, Isaiah, vi. 1–7.
2d Lesson, St. John, x. 22–30.

¶ In the Holy Communion office, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall be as appointed by the Bishop.

REOPENING OF A CHURCH AFTER BEING INJURED BY FIRE.

¶ Before the General Thanksgiving shall be said:

O almighty and most merciful Father, who rulest over the elements, and orderest all events of our lives, graciously accept the thanksgivings of thine unworthy servants for the great mercy that has preserved from the fury of the fire this holy and beautiful house. Thine it was, in that thou didst accept the offering of it at our hands, when it was set apart to thy sole service and worship, and of thy Sovereign mercy only is it that the flames wasted not its material substance, for thou savedst it, as of old thy servants walked in the midst of the fire and had no hurt. Kindle in us a flame of holier devotion that we may consecrate this house anew to thee in thankfulness for this mercy. Purify our lives with the fire of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be living temples holy, acceptable unto thee. Touch our lips, as with a live coal from the altar of the heavenly worship, that our iniquity being taken away, and our sins purged, we may praise thee

as we ought. Enlighten our minds and warm our hearts, making thy holy word a lamp unto our feet, and filling us with the love of thy Law, and bring us at the last into the holy temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, when with the holy angels and the great company of the redeemed, we may worship thee, O eternal Father; with thy dear Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

OFFICE TO BE SAID AT THE PRESENTATION OF SACRED VESSELS.

APPROPRIATE INSCRIPTION FOR A PATEN.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

INSCRIPTION FOR A FLAGON.

Thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures as out of a river.

FOR A CHALICE.

The Lord himself is the portion of my Cup.

[Before the Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church Militant may be said by the Priest, sanctioned by the Bishop.]

O merciful Father, unto whom in all ages thy faithful servants have offered the richest gifts for the service of thy holy house; graciously accept these gifts at our hands, and make them as in the holy city of old vessels on which is written, "Holiness to the Lord."

O Holy Jesu, unto whom the wise men brought their rich and fragrant gifts, who didst accept the

costly spikenard ointment of the penitent sinner, and before whom are now presented the golden vials full of odor which are the prayers of the Saints, receive these gifts which we now bring unto thee that they may be precious in thy sight, and may become at once the token of our recognition of thy marvellous manifestation in this breaking of the Bread of Life, the assurance of thy pardon to us penitent sinners, and pledges of our reverent worship of thee.

O Holy Spirit, by whom alone all gifts are sanctified and made acceptable, bless, we pray thee, and make holy these devotions of thy servants;

That the alms offered hereon may go up with our prayers as a memorial before God. That the bread upon this paten may be unto those who eat it the Body of the Lord. That the wine offered in this flagon and consecrated in this chalice may be unto those who drink it the Blood of the Lord, so that we may taste and see how gracious the Lord is, and making him the portion of our cup, may drink of the well of his pleasures as out of a river.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spir-

its of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS WITH CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord! who hast promised to forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts. Mercifully pardon our transgressions, and turn from us thine anger; and so make haste to help us, that we may ever obey thy godly motions, in righteousness and true holiness. Help us to renounce all evil works, and vain and sinful desires, so that we may neither follow nor be led by them; and grant us grace, O God, obediently to keep thy Holy Will and Commandments, and to walk in the same, all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Grant, O Merciful Father, that all sinful affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the spirit may live and grow in us.

Amen.

Grant that we may have ghostly strength to

keep our baptismal vows, and to overcome all temptation; and do thou, in all our trials, give us the help of thy grace, that we may always have victory, and triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

O Holy God, who by thy Son, our only Saviour Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee, increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Endue us abundantly with all Heavenly virtues; and so give us the aid of thy Holy Spirit, that, being born again, and made heirs of everlasting salvation, we may continue thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives end, and attain thy promises, through Jesus Christ; whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, we worship, as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Seal Stir them O Lord, and mark them to be thine for ever, by the virtue of thy holy cross and passion. Confirm and strengthen them with the inward unction of thy Holy Ghost, mercifully unto everlasting life. Finally, O Lord, we beseech

thee that we, being saved and defended in all dangers, spiritual and bodily, and being kept from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemy and from everlasting death, may diligently serve thee here, with a meek and quiet spirit, and receive the inheritance of everlasting rest and peace in thy Kingdom; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all blessing and honour and glory and power, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

HYMNS AND MEDITATIONS FOR THE SICK AND SORROWFUL.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy Word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

THE MAGNIFICAT.

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations,

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." *S. Luke*, xxii. 42.

O Lord, my God, do thou thy holy will—
I will lie still;

I will not stir, lest I forsake thine arm,
And break the charm
Which lulls me, clinging to my Father's breast,
In perfect rest.

"I THIRST."

I THIRST, thou wounded Lamb of God,
To wash me in thy cleansing blood;
To dwell within thy wounds: the pain
Is sweet, and life and death is gain.
Take my poor heart, and let it be
Forever closed to all but thee!
Seal thou my breast, and let me wear
That pledge of love forever there!
How blest are they who still abide,
Close sheltered, in thy bleeding side!
Who life and strength from thence derive,
And by thee move, and in thee live.

WE come to thee, sweet Saviour!
It is love that makes us come:
We are certain of our welcome,
Of our Father's welcome home.

We come to thee, sweet Saviour!
For to whom, Lord, can we go?
The words of life eternal
From thy lips forever flow.
O bountiful salvation,
O life eternal won!
O plentiful redemption,
O Blood of Mary's Son.

To be read to one in great pain.

"A SONG IN THE NIGHT."

I TAKE this pain, Lord Jesus,
From thine own hand;
The strength to bear it bravely
Thou wilt command.
I am too weak for effort,
So let me rest
In hush of sweet submission
On thine own breast.
I take this pain, Lord Jesus,
As proof indeed
That thou art watching closely
My truest need;
That thou, my good Physician,
Art watching still;

That all thine own good pleasure
Thou wilt fulfil.
I take this pain, Lord Jesus;
What thou dost choose
The soul that really loves thee
Will not refuse.
It is not for the first time
I trust to-day;
For thee my heart has never
A trustless "Nay!"
I take this pain, Lord Jesus;
But what beside?
'Tis no unmingled portion
Thou dost provide.
In every hour of faintness
My cup runs o'er
With faithfulness and mercy
And love's sweet store.
I take this pain, Lord Jesus,
As thine own gift;
And true though tremulous praises
I now uplift,
I am too weak to sing them,
But thou dost hear
The whisper from the pillow,—
Thou art so near!

'Tis thy dear hand, O Saviour,
That presseth sore,
The hand that bears the nail-prints
For evermore.
And now beneath its shadow,
Hidden by thee,
The pressure only tells me
Thou lovest me!

"FATHER, TAKE MY HAND."

THE way is dark, my Father! Cloud on cloud
Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud
The thunder roars above me. See, I stand
Like one bewildered! Father, take my hand,
And through the gloom
Lead safely home
Thy child.

The way is long, my Father, and my soul
Longs for the rest and quiet of the goal:
While yet I journey through this weary land,
Keep me from wandering. Father, take my hand;

Quickly and straight
Lead to heaven's gate
Thy child.

The path is rough, my Father! Many a thorn
Has pierced me; and my weary feet, all torn
And bleeding, mark the way. Yet thy command
Bids me press forward. Father, take my hand;
Then safe and blest,
Lead up to rest
Thy child.

The cross is heavy, Father! I have borne
It long, and still do bear it. Let my worn
And fainting spirit rise to that blest land
Where crowns are given. Father, take my hand;
And reaching down
Lead to the crown
Thy child!

THE ANSWER.

The path *is* rough, my child! But oh! how sweet
Will be the rest, for weary pilgrims meet,
When thou shalt reach the borders of that land
To which I lead thee, as I take thy hand,

And safe and blest
With me shalt rest,
My child!

The cross is heavy, child! Yet there was One
Who bore a heavier for thee, my Son,
My Well-beloved. For him bear thine; and stand
With him at last; and from thy Father's hand,
Thy cross laid down,
Receive a crown,
My child.

THERE is a stream, whose waters rise
Amidst the hills of paradise,
Where foot of man hath never trod,
Proceeding from the throne of God:
Oh, give me sickness here, or strife,
So I may reach that spring of life!

There is a Rock that, nigh at hand
Gives shadow in a weary land;
Who in that Stricken Rock hath rest,
Finds waters gushing from its breast;
Oh, grant me, when this scene is o'er,
Their lot who thirst not any more.

There is a people, who have cast
The strife and toil away at last;
On whom,—so calm their rest and sweet,—
The sun lights not, nor any heat;
Give me with them at length to be,
And send me here what pleaseth thee!

O thou, who camest Death to spoil,
And barest weariness and toil;
And just before his chains were burst,
Fulfilling Scripture, saidst, "I thirst!"
Who call'st thy weary servants o'er
The same rough road thou trodd'st before;

Thou only Good! thou only Wise!
Who dost so lovingly chastise,
To give more strength, and add more grace,—
Grant me thy Spirit to embrace,
The more,—the more that nature faints,—
The glorious portion of all Saints!

Thou wouldst not, Lord, ascend to reign,
But first on earth thou suffered'st pain;
And now, O Father, at thy side
For us he pleads, for us who died;
Shading from storm, and blast, and heat,
With that Eternal Paraclete!

Holy Father, from thy throne
Hear a lowly suppliant moan;
Yea, though wrath be all my meed,
Break not thou the bruised reed:
Let the bitter Agony
Of my Jesu plead for me.

Hear by him, who bowing low
'Neath our sins' o'erwhelming woe,
His Soul's Blood in anguish poured:
Lo! those drops on high are stored:
Let the bitter Agony
Of my Jesu groan for me.

In that Flood my soul embathe,
In that love my spirit swathe;
Bid that shower of bitter Tears
Thrill my heart through livelong years:
Let the bitter Agony
Of my Jesu weep for me.

O how soft that bed must be,
Made in sickness, Lord, by thee;
And that rest,—how calm, how sweet,—
Where Jesus and the sufferer meet!

It was the Good Physician now,
Soothed my cheek and chafed my brow;
Whispering, as he raised my head,
"It is I, be not afraid."

God of glory, God of grace,
Hear from Heav'n, thy dwelling-place;
Hear in mercy, and forgive,
Bid thy child believe and live.

Bless me, and I shall be blest;
Soothe me, and I shall have rest;
Fix my heart, my hopes above,
Love me, Lord, for thou art Love!

O THOU, who rising long before the day,
Went'st forth to pray
On the cold mount by weariness opprest,
That we might rest
With thee hereafter; though my lot denies
Sleep to mine eyes,—
Blessed Redeemer, how can I repine,
Remembering thine?

O thou, who at the fourth watch of the night
Didst come in sight

Of thine Apostles, toiling on the wave:
And swift to save
From peril and from fear, saidst, drawing nigh,
"Peace! it is I!"
O still my thoughts, tempestuous as that sea!
Speak peace to me!

O thou, who didst not roughly chide thy Saint
With faith too faint
To walk the waters, but with outstretched Hand
Didst bid him stand;
My faith is weak: according to thy Word
Help me, O Lord!
Afraid of every danger; not afraid
To seek thine aid!

O give thy servant patience, to be still,
And bear thy Will;
Courage to venture wholly on the Arm
That will not harm;
The wisdom that will never let me stray
Out of my way;
The love, that, now afflicting, knoweth best
When I should rest!

Thy time is not yet come. Enough for me!
Thy time will be

The safest and the best; and how can I
Wish it more nigh?
If e'er thou settest me among the blest,
Enough of rest!
Meanwhile, although thou bidd'st my pains not cease,
Grant me thy Peace.

The peace, O God the Father, that alone
Surrounds thy throne,
The peace, O God the Son, thy last bequest
To hearts distressed,
O God the Holy Ghost, from age to age
Thine heritage!

O Jesu, in thy torture,
Nailed to the bitter tree,
My soul's true Guide and Nurture,
I yearn to be with thee.

How can I taste of pleasure,
Whilst thou dost hang in pain,
Jesu, mine only treasure,
Mine everlasting gain?

O Jesu, may thy sadness,
Thine agony and tears,
Win for my spirit gladness
Throughout the endless years.

With thine Own Body feed me,
Life to my soul accord,
Then to thy pierced Heart lead me,
And hide me there, O Lord.

And in my dying hour,
By those sharp wounds, I pray,
Lord, may thy Passion's power
Wash all my sins away.

Lord Jesu, by thy Passion,
To thee I make my prayer.
Thou who in mercy smitest,
Have mercy, Lord, and spare.

O wash me in the fountain,
That floweth from thy Side,
O clothe me in the raiment
Thy Blood hath purified.

O hold thou up my goings,
And lead from strength to strength,
That unto thee in Sion
I may appear at length.

O hearken to my knocking,
And open wide the door,
That I may enter freely,
And never leave thee more.

O bring me, loving Jesu,
To that most blessed place,
Where angels and archangels
Look ever on thy Face.

Where gladsome Alleluias
Unceasingly resound,
Where martyrs, now triumphant,
Walk robed in white, and crowned.

O make my spirit worthy
To join that ransomed throng,
O teach my lips to utter
That everlasting song.

O give that last, best blessing,
That even Saints can know,
To follow in thy footsteps
Wherever thou dost go.

Not wisdom, might, or glory
I ask to win above;
I ask for thee, thee only,
O thou Eternal Love.

O Jesu! Lord most merciful,
Low at thy Cross I lie;
O Sinner's Friend most pitiful,
Hear my bewailing cry;
I come to thee with mourning,
I come to thee in woe;
With contrite heart returning,
And tears that overflow.

O Gracious Intercessor,
O Priest within the veil—
Plead, for a lost transgressor,
The Blood that cannot fail.
I spread my sins before thee,
I tell them one by one;
O for thy Name's great glory,
Forgive all I have done.

O by thy Cross and Passion,
Thy tears and agony,
And crown of cruel fashion,
And death on Calvary:—
By all that untold suffering
Endured by thee alone;—
O Priest! O Spotless Offering!
Plead for me, and atone!

And in this heart now broken
Re-enter thou and reign:
And say, by that dear token,
I am absolved again.
And build me up, and guide me,
And guard me day by day;
And in thy presence hide me,
And keep my soul alway.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee:
Let the Water and the Blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands,
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Only to thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Vile, to David's fountain fly:
Cleanse me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eye-strings break in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,—
See thee on thy Judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee:
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me:
All my trust on thee is stayed;
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin:
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of Life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

When day's shadows lengthen,
Jesu, be thou near;

Pardon, comfort, strengthen,
Chase away my fear;
Love and hope be deepened,
Faith more strong and clear.

When the night grows darkest,
And the stars are pale,
When the foe assembles
In death's misty vale,
Be thou Sword and Buckler,
Be thou Shield and Mail.

Come, thou Food of Angels,
Source of every grace,
In thy Father's Mansions
Give me soon a place,
That unveiled in splendour
I may see thy Face.

By the Jordan's ripples,
Passing through the shade,
Let me hear that promise
Once for ever made—
It is I, thy Jesus,
Be not thou afraid.

Then be near me, Jesu,
Enemies shall flee;
Hidden God and Saviour,
Thou my Comfort be,
Food, and Priest, and Victim,
Let me feed on thee.

So shall no fears chill me
On that unknown shore,
For in death he conquered
And can die no more.
His Hand guards and guides me
To the City's door.

Blessèd warfare over,
Endless rest alone;
Tears no more, nor sorrow,
Neither sigh, nor moan,
But a song of triumph
Round about the Throne.

LITANY OF THE PASSION FOR THE SORROWFUL.

I.

PITY on us, Heavenly Father,
For the love of Jesus take,
And with thine own Holy Spirit,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the lowly cradle Manger,
Over which the Angels spake,
Songs of Peace and words of wonder:
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the tender Human Nature,
He for us did stoop to take,
All his Travail, Thirst and Hunger;
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the tears whose loving kindness
From his human eyes did break,
When he stood by human sorrow,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the Words, whose free forgiveness
In the dying thief did wake,
Hope of Paradise and pardon,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

II.

Pity on us, Heavenly Father,
For the Love of Jesus take,
And with thine own Holy Spirit,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the love that for his mother,
Did a last provision make,
In the hour of desolation,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the plea that in his Passion
He did for his murderers take,
And prefer before his Father,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By the thorns, that mocking crowned him,
By the Bloody sweat that brake
From his brow in bitter anguish,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

By his limbs outstretched and wounded,
By the cleft the spear did make,
By the Blood and by the water,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

In the glorious Resurrection,
When the dead in Christ awake
At the voice of the Archangel,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

III.

Pity on us, Heavenly Father,
For the love of Jesus take,
And with thine own Holy Spirit,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

From a heart by sin deceived,
Bent, with forward will to take
Its own downward course of madness,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

From a soul whose death-like slumber
Will not at thy call awake,
But sleep on, nor heed its danger,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

From foul hands and thoughts uncleanly,
That their resting-place would make,
In the souls redeemed by Jesus,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

In the time of tears and laughter,
When we sleep and when we wake,
Rising, resting, coming, going,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

In the hour of our departure,
When life's lingering sands do shake,
In the Grave, and rest remaining,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

In the dreadful day of Judgment,
When the worlds before thee quake,
Plead our cause, O God our Saviour,
Save us for thy mercies' sake.

EVENING HYMN FOR THE SICK.

At even ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around thee lay,
Oh, in what divers pains they met!
Oh, with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide, and we
Oppressed with various ills draw near;
What if thy form we cannot see?
We know and feel that thou art here.

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel:
For some are sick and some are sad,
And some have never loved thee well.
And some have lost the love they had;

And some have found the world is vain,
Yet from the world they break not free:
And some have friends who give them pain,
Yet have not sought a friend in thee;

And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,
For none are wholly free from sin;
And they who fain would serve thee best,
Are conscious most of wrong within.

O Saviour Christ, thou too art man;
Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried,
Thy kind but searching glance can scan
The very wounds that shame would hide:

Thy touch has still its ancient power:
No word from thee can fruitless fall;
Hear in this solemn evening hour,
And in thy mercy heal us all.

HYMN ON THE CRUCIFIXION.

I.

In his own raiment clad
With his blood dyed,
Women walk sorrowing
By his side.

Heavy that cross to him,
Heavy its weight,
One who will help him
Waits at the Gate.

See, they are travelling
On the same road,
Simon is sharing with
Him the load.

Oh, whither wandering
Bear they that tree,
He who first carries it,
Who is he?

II.

Follow to Calvary,
Tread where he trod,
He who forever was
Son of God.

You who would love him stand,
Gaze on his Face,
Tarry awhile on thine
Earthly race.

As the swift moments fly
Through the blest week,
Read the great story the
Cross will teach.

Is there no beauty to
You who pass by
In that lone Figure
Which marks the sky?

III.

On the cross lifted,
Thy Face I scan,
Bearing that cross for me,
Son of man.

Thorns for thy Diadem,
Rough wood thy Throne,
For us thy Blood is shed,
Us alone.

No pillow under thee
To rest thy Head,
Only the splintered Cross
Is thy bed.

Nails pierce thy Hands and Feet,
Thy side the spear,
No voice is nigh to say
Help is near.

Shadows of midnight fade,
Though it is day,
Thy friends and kinsfolk stand
Far away.

Loud is thy Bitter cry,
Sunk on thy breast,
Hangeth thy drooping Head,
Without rest.

Loud scoffs the dying thief
Who mocks at thee,
Can it, my Saviour, be
All for me?

Gazing afar from thee,
Silent and lone,
Stand those few weepers thou
Callest thine own.

I see thy title, Lord,
Inscribed above,
Jesus of Nazareth,
King of Love.

What, oh my Saviour,
Here didst thou see,
Which made thee suffer and
Die for me.

IV.

Child of my grief and pain,
Watched by my Love,
I came to call thee to
Realms above.

I saw thee wandering
Far off from me,
In love I seek for thee,
Do not flee.

For thee my blood I shed
For thee alone,
I came to purchase thee
For mine own.

Weep not for my grief,
Child of my love,
Strive to be with me in
Heaven above.

v.

Oh, I will follow thee,
Star of my soul,
Through the deep shades of night,
To the goal.

Yes, let thy cross be borne
Each day by me,
Mind not how heavy if
But with thee.

Lord, if thou only wilt,
Make me thine own,
Give no companion, save
Thee alone.

Grant through each day of life
To stand by thee
With thee when morning breaks
Ever to be.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance.—*Psalm* xvi. 5.

Though some good things of lower worth
My heart is called on to resign,
Of all the gifts in heaven and earth,
The greatest and the best is mine:

The love of God in Christ made known—
The love that is enough alone,
My Father's love is all my own.

My soul's Restorer, let me learn
  In that deep love to live and rest—
Let me the precious thing discern
  Of which I am indeed possess'd.
My treasure let me feel and see,
And let my moments, as they flee,
Unfold my endless life in thee.

Let me not dwell so much within
  My bounded heart, with anxious heed—
Where all my searches meet with sin,
  And nothing satisfies my need—
It shuts me from the sound and sight
Of that pure world of life and light,
Which has no breadth, or length, or height.

Let me thy power, thy beauty see;
  So shall the hopeless labor cease,
And my free heart shall follow thee
  Through paths of everlasting peace.
My strength thy gift,—my life thy care,—
I shall forget to seek elsewhere
The wealth to which my soul is heir.

I was not called to walk alone,
To clothe *myself* with love and light;
And for thy glory, not my own,
My soul is precious in thy sight.
My evil heart can never be
A home, a heritage for me—
But thou canst make it fit for thee.

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.—*Isaiah*, li. 3.

Sing, O Heavens; and be joyful, O Earth; for the Lord hath comforted his people.—*Isaiah*, xlix. 13.

A LIVING, loving, lasting word,
My listening ear believing heard,
While bending down in prayer;
Like a sweet breeze that none can stay,
It passed my soul upon its way,
And left a blessing there.

Then joyful thoughts that come and go,
By paths the holy angels know,
Encamped around my soul;

As in a dream of blest repose,
'Mid withered reeds a river rose,
And through the desert stole.

I lifted up my eyes to see—
The wilderness was glad for me,
Its thorns were bright with bloom;
And onward travellers still in sight,
Marked out a path of shining light,
And shade unmixed with gloom.

O sweet the strains of those before,
"The weary knees are weak no more,
The faithful heart is strong;"
But sweeter, nearer, from above,
That word of everlasting love,
The promise and the song.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.—*Psalm* cxxx. 5.

My Saviour, on the word of truth
In earnest hope I live;
I ask for all the precious things
Thy boundless love can give.

I look for many a lesser light
About my path to shine;
But chiefly long to walk with thee,
And only trust in thine.

In holy expectation held,
Thy strength my heart shall stay,
For thy right hand will never let
My trust be cast away.
Yea, thou hast kept me near thy feet,
In many a deadly strife,
By the strong hold of hope in thee,
The hope of endless life.

Thou knowest that I am not blest
As thou would'st have me be,
Till all the peace and joy of faith
Possess my soul in thee;
And still I seek 'mid many fears,
With yearnings unexprest,
The comfort of thy strengthening love,
Thy soothing, settling rest.

It is not as thou wilt with me,
Till, humbled in the dust,
I know no place in all my heart
Wherein to put my trust.

Until I find, O Lord, in thee,
The Lowly and the Meek,
That fulness which thy own redeemed
Go nowhere else to seek.

Then, O my Saviour, on my soul,
Cast down, but not dismayed,
Still be thy chastening, healing hand
In tender mercy laid.
And while I wait for all thy joys,
My yearning heart to fill,
Teach me to walk and work with thee.
And at thy feet sit still.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—*Isaiah*, xxvi. 3.

Oh, this is a blessing, this is rest—
Into thine arms, O Lord, I flee:
I hide me in thy faithful breast,
And pour out all my soul to thee.
There is a host dissuading me,—
But, all their voices far above,
I hear thy words—"O taste and see
The comfort of a Saviour's love."

And, hushing every adverse sound,
Songs of defence my soul surround,
As if all saints encamped about
One trusting heart pursued by doubt.

And oh, how solemn, yet how sweet
Their one assured, persuasive strain!
"The Lord of Hosts is thy retreat,
The man who bore thy sin, thy pain.
Still in his hand thy times remain—
Still of his body thou art part;
And he will prove his right to reign
O'er all things that concern thy heart."
O tenderness—O truth divine!
Lord, I am altogether thine.
I have bowed down—I need not flee—
Peace, peace is mine in trusting thee.

And now I count supremely kind,
The rule that once I thought severe;
And precious to my altered mind,
At length, thy least reproofs appear.
Now to the love that casts out fear,
Mercy and truth, indeed seem one;
Why should I hold my ease so dear?
The work of training must be done.
I must be taught what I would know—

I must be led where I would go—
And all the rest ordained for me,
Till that which is not seen I see
Is to be found in trusting thee.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.—*Lamentations*, iii. 24.

My heart is resting, O my God,—
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.
Now the frail vessel thou hast made
No hand but thine shall fill—
For the waters of the Earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And here all day they rise—
I seek the treasure of thy love,
And close at hand it lies.
And a new song is in my mouth
To long-loved music set—
Glory to thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

Glory to thee for strength withheld,
For want and weakness known—
And the fear that sends me to thy breast
For what is most my own.
I have a heritage of joy
That yet I must not see;
But the hand that bled to make it mine
Is keeping it for me.

There is a certainty of love
That sets my heart at rest—
A calm assurance for to-day
That to be poor is best—
A prayer reposing on his truth
Who hath made all things mine,
That draws my captive will to him,
And makes it one with thine.

I will give thanks for suffering now,
For want and toil and loss—
For the death that sin makes hard and slow,
Upon my Saviour's cross—
Thanks for the little spring of love
That gives me strength to say,
If they will leave me part in him,
Let all things pass away.

Sometimes I long for promised bliss,
But it will not come too late—
And the songs of patient spirits rise
From the place wherein I wait;
While in the faith that makes no haste
My soul has time to see
A kneeling host of thy redeemed,
In fellowship with me.

There is a multitude around
Responsive to my prayer;
I hear the voice of my desire
Resounding everywhere.
But the earnest of eternal joy,
In every prayer I trace;
I see the glory of the Lord
On every chastened face.

How oft, in still communion known,
Those spirits have been sent
To share the travail of my soul,
Or show me what it meant!
And I long to do some work of love
No spoiling hand could touch,
For the poor and suffering of thy flock
Who comfort me so much.

But the yearning thought is mingled now
With the thankful song I sing;
For thy people know the secret source
Of every precious thing.
The heart that ministers for thee
In thy own work will rest;
And the subject spirit of a child
Can serve thy children best.

Mine be the reverent, listening love,
That waits all day on thee,
With the service of a watchful heart
Which no one else can see—
The faith that, in a hidden way
No other eye may know,
Finds all its daily work prepared,
And loves to have it so.

My heart is resting, O my God,
My heart is in thy care—
I hear the voice of joy and health
Resounding everywhere.
"Thou art my portion," saith my soul,
Ten thousand voices say,
And the music of their glad Amen,
Will never die away.

HYMNS AND MEDITATIONS FOR THE SORROWING AND BEREAVED.

O Lord, to whom the spirits live
Of all the faithful passed away,
Unto their path that brightness give
Which shineth to the perfect day.
Light Eternal, Jesu blest,
Shine on them, and grant them rest.

Bless thou the dead which die in thee,
And make their painful labours cease,
O purge them from impurity,
And give them everlasting peace.
Light Eternal, Jesu blest,
Shine on them, and grant them rest.

In thy green, pleasant pastures feed
The sheep which thou hast summoned hence,
And by the still, cool waters lead
Thy flock in loving providence.
Light Eternal, Jesu blest,
Shine on them, and grant them rest.

Heal thou the wounds of earthly strife,
Pouring upon the faint thy balm,
The wearied with the toils of life
Place in the breast of Abraham.

Light Eternal, Jesu blest,
Shine on them, and grant them rest.

How long, O Holy Lord, how long
Must we and they expectant wait
To hear the gladsome bridal song,
To see thee in thy royal state?
Light Eternal, Jesu blest,
Shine on them, and grant them rest.

Direct us with thine Arm of might,
And bring us, perfected with them,
To dwell within thy city bright,
The Heavenly Jerusalem.
Light Eternal, Jesu blest,
Shine on them, and grant them rest.

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

BRIEF life is here our portion,
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life is there.
O happy retribution!
Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals and for sinners
A mansion with the blest.

And now we fight the battle,
  But then shall wear the crown
Of full, and everlasting,
  And passionless renown.
But he whom now we trust in
  Shall then be seen and known,
And they that know and see him
  Shall have him for their own.

The morning shall awaken,
  The shadow shall decay,
And each true-hearted servant
  Shall shine as doth the day;
There God, our King and portion,
  In fulness of his grace,
Shall we behold forever,
  And worship face to face.

O sweet and blessèd country,
  The Home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country,
  That eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us
  To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father,
  And Spirit, ever blest.

THEY are not dead, but sleeping :
When the sound
Of the Archangel's trump shall wake the dead,
They will arise, each from his narrow bed
With swathing-bands unbound,
Calm and refreshed from his all-holy keeping :
Softly rest,
Ye dear departed,
In your tranquil home !
Sleep on in Peace, till your own Lord shall come,
And bear you in his breast
Far from the sounds of earthly care and weeping.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you.—*Isaiah*, li. 12.

SWEET is the solace of thy love,
My Heavenly Friend, to me,
While through the hidden way of faith
I journey home with thee,
Learning by quiet thankfulness
As a dear child to be.

Though from the shadow of thy peace
My feet would often stray,
Thy mercy follows all my steps,
And will not turn away ;
Yea, thou wilt comfort me at last,
As none beneath thee may.

Oft in a dark and lonely place,
I hush my hastened breath,
To hear the comfortable words
Thy loving Spirit saith;
And feel my safety in thy hand
From every kind of death.

O there is nothing in the world
To weigh against thy will;
Even the dark times I dread the most
Thy covenant fulfil;
And when the pleasant morning dawns
I find thee with me still.

Then in the secret of my soul,
Though hosts my peace invade,
Though through a waste and weary land
My lonely way be made,
Thou, even thou, wilt comfort me—
I need not be afraid.

Still in the solitary place
I would awhile abide,
Till with the solace of thy love
My heart is satisfied;
And all my hopes of happiness
Stay calmly at thy side.

IN BEREAVEMENT FOR A WIFE.

I KNOW thine eye has weighed the path
To thy lost creature's bliss.
No comfort could supply the need
Of grief so sore as this;—
No joy could wake my heart so well
To thy full preciousness.

Thou wast the source of all that love
Which makes me glad no more,—
And thou hast taken to thyself
What was thine own before.
Thine, and mine too, O Good to give,
O Faithful to restore.

That loving spirit is withdrawn
From every shade of sin;
And I in sympathy with her
A holier life begin.
Yes! to her new delight in thee,
I, Lord, can enter in.

She with thee, wheresoe'er thou art,
In fellowship untold!
She in thee, living by my Bread,
My Hope, my heart's stronghold!

Oh! 'tis a song for days of grief,
Whate'er their depths unfold.

As one whose mother comforts him,
I will lift up my head.
No wound of thine shall take the life
From words which thou hast said,
And in the fulness of thy truth
I *shall be* comforted.

Jerusalem the Golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, O I know not,
What joys await us there!
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Sion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr-throng:
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene:
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,—
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white!

Jerusalem the glorious!
The home of the Elect!
O dear and future vision
That eager hearts expect:
Even now by faith I see thee:
Even here thy walls discern:
To thee my thoughts are kindled,
And strive and pant and yearn.

O mine, my golden Sion!
O lovelier far than gold!
With laurel-girt battalions,
And safe victorious fold!
O sweet and blessed Country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed Country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?

I *have* the hope within me
To comfort and to bless!
Shall I ever win the prize itself?
O tell me, tell me, yes!

Exult, O dust and ashes,
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, His forever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, His forever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

"*In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, and all the night through with the light of fire.*"

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on.

I loved the garish day; and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Who died for us that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.—1 *Thess.* v. 10.

GUARD us waking, guard us sleeping;
And, when we die,
May we in thy mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread trump shall wake us,
Do not thou, O Lord forsake us,
But to dwell in glory take us
With thee on high.

Oct. 26th (Friday, 94) Millbrae, Cal.
Funeral service over Lizzie Belle Fitz-
-gerald, died Funeral Fri., Oct. 25th
at Millbrae. Buried at Cypress Lawn
Cemetery by Rev. Dr. Stevenson.

Sun. Jany 6. 95- By A.L.B. San Carlos
Funeral service at San Carlos
(S.M. Co.) over Mrs. E.W. Phelps
act 29. Died at above Jany 4th
95- of Peritonitis.
Interment in Cypress Lawn Cem
by Rev. W. A. Brewer

1895 Sun. Feby 3d - Funeral Service at the
house with Mrs. Marcella Goldsmith
Turner act 75 yrs. Died of Dropsy Thurs
Feby 1st at house on N.St. Redwood
City. - Rev. Morgan (Bay Reader) assisted
me & read Service at the grave
(to wh. I could not go) A.L.B.

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